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The Division Economic Report

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Flash estimates indicate that the real GNP grew at an annual rate of only 3.6 percent during the third quarter of 1984. This was considerably below the 10.1 percent and 7.1 percent gains during the first quarter and second quarter, respectively.

The monthly data also suggest that economic advance will be subdued in the coming months. The Federal Reserve Board's Index of Industrial Production grew at a seasonably adjusted rate of 0.2 percent in August, which was the smallest increase during the year. Retail sales declined 0.8 percent in August, following a drop of 2 percent in July. Reduction in auto sales was primarily responsible for the lower sales performance. Total housing starts declined at a seasonally adjusted rate of 12.8 percent in August, following a decline of 6.5 percent in July. High interest rates caused the downturn in housing construction.

The U.S. Civilian Unemployment Rate (seasonally adjusted) was 7.4 percent in September, dropping from 7.5 percent in August. Total civilian employment in August was 0.4 percent below the employment level in July 1984, but it was 3.4 percent above total employment in August 1983. The U.S. Leading Economic Indicator rose 0.5 percent in August, following declines of 1.8 percent in July and 1.1 percent in June. The moderate increase in the index signals a sluggish economic growth during the first part of 1985. The recent and projected slowdown in the economy is welcomed by many economists because it will relieve inflationary pressures on the economy and "stretch out" the current recovery.

Inflation continues to be moderate. The Consumer Price Index increased 0.5 percent in August and the Producer Price Index declined 0.1 percent. Interest rates declined moderately in September. The Federal Funds Rate, which is the rate charged by banks to other banks for use of their reserves, decreased to 11.42 percent by the end of September from 11.81 percent by the end of August.The prime rate dropped to 12.5 percent at the end of September from 13.38 percent at the end of August.

The Louisiana economy experienced a modest improvement in August. Total employment increased by 0.6 percent of 10,800 workers, and the unemployment rate dropped to 9.3 percent from 9.4 percent in July. Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment, however, dropped by 4200 workers. Manufacturing employment increased by 1200 workers and employment in transportation and public utilities increased moderately in August. All the other sectors such as mining, construction, trade services, and the government experienced declining employment.

The Louisiana Economic Indicator (LEI) increased 0.4 percent in August, which was below the average increase during the past twelve months. The increase in the LEI was primarily due to an increase in the index component predicting mining activities. The slight growth in the LEI suggests that the state's economic growth is likley to slow down during the next few months. General sales tax collections were 17.7 percent higher in August than in July, and the value of construction contracts was 53 percent greater. Crude runs to stills in July was 16 percent below the previous month. New car sales in August were 15.8 percent higher than in July. comparing the latest twelve months with the prior twleve months, general sales taxes were 9 percent higher in the current period and the value of residential construction-contracts was 22.1 percent higher but the contracts for nonbuilding construction was 62.6 percent lower.

Table 1 shows the latest information on unemployment rates and changes in employment in the Louisiana metropolitan areas during the past year. The Lafayette metro area has the lowest unemployment rate in the state while Lake Charles continues to have the highest rate. Lafayette continued to be the only metro area in the state with an unemployment rate that was better than the median of the 239 metropolitan areas in the state. The national rankings in column 5 of the table show that areas with higher unemployment had higher rankings and vice versa. The ranking of 78 for Baton Rouge means that 161 metro areas had a lower unemployment rate and 77 had a higher unemployment rate . Lake Charles had the 8th highest unemployment rate among the 239 metro areas in the country.

Although Lafayette had the lowest unemployment rate in the state, it did not experience the highest employment growth among the metro areas. During the past year, employment in Lafayette increased 4.9 percent whereas employment in Baton Rouge increased 6.2 percent; Lake Charles had declining employment during the past year. Baton Rouge had the greatest total increase in total employment in the state, reflecting the current relative strength of the local economy. The Baton Rouge economy has experienced gains in durables manufacturing (12.8 % since August 1983), wholesale and retail trade(6%), services (5%), and government employment (4%).

Retail sales, construction, port and airport activities provide measures of metropolitan economic activity in addition to employment. Retail sales taxes in New Orleans were 5.0 percent higher in July than in the previous month and the value of construction contracts was 54.1 percent higher. Total cargo handled at the port was 21.4 percent higher than in June and the number of airline passengers was 1.5 percent higher. Comparing the latest twelve months with the prior twleve months, retail sales

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were 7 percent higher in the current period and the value of construction contracts increased over 20 percent.

Retail sales taxes in Baton Rouge were 9 percent higher in July than in the previous month, and the value of construction contracts was 20 percent lower. Total cargo handled by the port was 136.2 percent higher in July than in June and the number of airline passengers was 6.7 percent higher. Comparing the latest twelve months with the previous twelve months, sales taxes were 11.6 percent higher in the current period, and the value of residential construction contracts was 82.5 percent higher. The number of airline passengers was 9.9 percent greater during the current twelve month period.

In Lafayette, the retail sales taxes were 1.8 percent higher in July than in June, and the value of construction contracts was 58.9 percent lower. The number of airline passengers was unchanged since June. Comparing the latest twelve months with the prior twelve months, retail sales taxes were up 0.6 percent in the current period and the value of construction contracts dropped more than 10 percent.

In Lake Charles, the retail sales taxes were 10.4 percent less than in June and the value of construction contracts was 26 percent higher. Total cargo handled by the port was 25 percent lower and the number of airline passengers was 7.5 percent lower. Comparing the current twelve months with the prior twelve months, sales taxes were 5.9 percent higher in the current period and the value of construction contracts dropped approximately 40 percent.

In Alexandria, the retail sales taxes were 3.6 percent higher than in June, and the value of construction contracts dropped 5.6 percent. The number of airline passengers dropped 17.5 percent since June. Comparing the current twelve months with the prior twelve months retail sales taxes increased 6.2 percent during the current period and nonresidential construction contracts dropped 19 percent.

In Shreveport, retail sales taxes dropped 14 percent in July and the value of construction contracts dropped 35.4 percent. The number of airline passengers dropped 3.3 percent since June. Comparing the current twelve months with the prior twelve month period, retail sales taxes were up 8.2 percent in the current period and the value of residential construction contracts was up 50.3 percent while nonresidential contracts were down 16.8 percent.

In Monroe, the retail sales taxes were 17.5 percent greater than in June, and the value of construction contracts was 169 percent greater. The number of airline passengers was unchanged since June. Comparing the current twelve month period with the previous twelve month period, retail sales taxes were 12.5 percent higher and the value of residential construction was 63.5 percent higher while the value of nonresidential contracts was 56.4 percent lower.

Economic conditions in Louisiana's rural parishes vary widely. The August unemployment rate was 17.2 percent in Allen parish; 16.3 percent in West Carroll-Parish; and 15.3 percent in St. Landry parish. An unemployment rate of 4.3 percent in Lincoln parish was the lowest in the state. The unemployment rates in West Feliciana and Cameron parishes were 5.7 percent and 6.4 percent respectively.

Table 1

Data on Louisiana Metropolitan Areas

Metro Areas	Unemployment Rate August 1984	Unemployment Rate July 1984	Unemployment Rate August 1983	Ranking Among 240 Metro Areas in U.S. July 1984	% Change in Employment 08/83 - 08/84
Alexandria	9.3%	9.2%	11.1%	51	3.9%
Baton Rouge	8.3%	8.3%	9.9%	78	6.2%
Houma-Thibodaux	9.0%	9.3%	13.2%	-	-0.2%
Lafayette	5.9%	5.9%	8.7%	143	4.9%
Lake Charles	13.2%	13.6%	14.4%	8	-2.2%
Monroe	9.2%	9.5%	10.7%	49	2.6%
New Orleans	8.7%	8.7%	10.4%	66	3.7%
Shreveport	7.5%	7.5%	10.8%	99	3.0%

Economic Indicators: LOUISIANA

								Per Cent Change		
								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12-Months
Categories		Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	**Aug 84**	Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS										
Civilian Labor Force (000)		1,897.5	1,916.6	1,930.1	1,965.3	1,954.9	**1,964.3**	**1.9**	**0.5**	**1.4**
Total Unemployed (000)		175.0	171.0	172.6	185.2	183.8	**182.4**	**-18.9**	**-0.8**	**-16.1**
Unemployment Rate		9.2	8.9	8.9	9.4	9.4	**9.3**	**-20.5**	**-1.1**	**-17.1**
Unemployment Benefits Paid (000 Weeks)		259.3	232.8	241.8	212.4	224.5	**227.0**	**-33.8**	**1.1**	**-31.5**
Unemployment Benefits Paid ($ Mil)		38.1	34.3	35.5	31.2	32.8	**33.0**	**-37.7**	**0.6**	**-32.8**
New Claims (000)		34.7	30.9	25.5	32.8	30.4	**26.6**	**-39.5**	**-12.5**	**-21.7**
Exhaustions (000)		7.0	6.6	7.5	6.2	6.5	**6.6**	**-42.6**	**1.5**	**-24.7**
Total Number Employed (000)										
Nonagricultural		1,566.6	1,569.2	1,574.4	1,581.0	1,573.1	**1,568.9**	**1.0**	**-0.3**	**0.1**
Wholesale And Retail Trade		369.6	372.5	374.4	376.7	376.8	**375.5**	**0.8**	**-0.3**	**1.7**
Government		319.9	319.1	318.2	316.7	311.9	**311.2**	**1.0**	**-0.2**	**0.9**
Services		310.8	310.7	312.9	312.1	310.0	**308.9**	**1.6**	**-0.4**	**1.9**
Manufacturing		177.1	178.8	179.7	182.0	181.9	**183.1**	**2.1**	**0.7**	**-2.2**
Transportation & Public Utilities		113.4	114.3	114.7	116.7	116.3	**116.9**	**4.2**	**0.5**	**-3.4**
Construction		113.7	113.2	114.4	114.2	113.9	**112.2**	**-3.9**	**-1.5**	**-1.9**
Finance, Insurance, And Real Estate		83.5	83.4	83.5	84.0	84.1	**83.9**	**0.2**	**-0.2**	**1.8**
Mining		78.6	77.2	76.6	78.6	78.2	**77.2**	**-1.9**	**-1.3**	**-5.1**
Average Weekly Manufacturing Hours		41.9	42.2	41.9	41.8	41.4	**41.5**	**4.8**	**0.2**	**2.4**
Average Weekly Manufacturing Earnings	$	423.61	425.80	422.35	418.84	419.80	**419.98**	**7.3**	**0.0**	**6.2**
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Number					196,944	209,041	**210,123**		**0.5**	
Benefits Paid	$				28,555,119	30,122,574	**30,071,690**		**-0.2**	
Federal Employees										
Number					1,074	1,179	**1,263**		**7.1**	
Benefits Paid	$				130,023	145,262	**161,241**		**11.0**	
Ex-Servicemen										
Number					1,343	1,448	**1,590**		**9.8**	
Benefits Paid	$				198,823	214,792	**238,243**		**10.9**	
REVENUE COLLECTIONS ($ Mil)										
Severance Tax	$	68.4	65.0	70.3	66.7	70.4	**65.3**	**-5.5**	**-7.2**	**-0.8**
General Sales Tax		58.7	69.2	71.2	70.1	73.0	**85.9**	**40.6**	**17.7**	**9.4**
Motor Vehicle Tax		9.4	9.5	10.8	10.0	8.8	**14.2**	**46.4**	**61.4**	**26.0**
Gasoline Tax		12.1	14.0	13.1	14.6	16.5	**24.0**	**79.1**	**45.5**	**10.9**
Individual Income Tax		11.1	51.5	84.2	34.7	41.0	**34.9**	**11.5**	**-14.9**	**82.4**
Corporation Income Tax		12.0	37.1	43.9	38.7	6.9	**4.6**	**-35.2**	**-33.3**	**-15.5**
Corporation Franchise Tax		3.2	4.5	69.0	2.3	2.1	**2.9**	**-42.0**	**38.1**	**4.4**
Tobacco Tax And Permits		5.1	4.6	5.6	6.0	7.1	**8.5**	**70.0**	**19.7**	**10.9**
Alcoholic Beverages										
Liquor & Wine Tax		1.6	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.6	**1.4**	**7.7**	**-12.5**	**0.5**
Beer Tax, State		2.6	2.7	2.9	3.5	3.2	**3.0**	**0.0**	**-6.3**	**0.0**
Special Fuels		2.2	2.8	2.4	2.7	3.4	**4.1**	**95.2**	**20.6**	**20.8**
Soft Drink Tax & Permit Fees		0.8	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	**1.2**	**33.3**	**9.1**	**9.0**
Parish & Municipality Beer Tax		0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.5	**0.5**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**1.9**
Total Revenues		182.6	262.3	379.0	247.6	232.5	**250.1**	**18.3**	**7.6**	**9.4**
Categories		**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**			
CONSTRUCTION										
Highway Construction Contracts ($ Mil)	$	573.02	592.51	547.11	561.92	550.99	**599.43**	**4.5**	**8.8**	
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)										
Residential	$	138.6	201.5	181.3	194.2	157.3	**188.9**	**-7.5**	**11.1**	**22.1**
Nonresidential	$	118.3	127.1	100.8	138.7	107.5	**101.0**	**190.5**	**172.9**	**-3.6**
Nonbuilding	$	33.9	63.8	35.8	70.4	80.7	**80.2**	**-7.4**	**-7.9**	**-62.6**
Number Of Construction Contracts		3,071	4,042	4,045	3,860	2,699	**370.1**	**-14.3**	**29.1**	**21.8**
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY										
Beer Sales Information										
Cases Sold		3,774,506	3,716,574	4,087,416	4,995,440					
Taxes Collected	$	411,894	408,823	449,616	549,499					
Coal Exports (000 Tons)		259.3	367.5	122.0	204.2	552.0	**469.6**	**-25.8**	**-14.9**	
Corporation Filings										
Domestic Charters		1,131	470	925	654	1,160	**967**	**-20.5**	**-16.6**	**-18.9**
Amendments To Domestic Charters		127	45	82	90	97	**79**		**-18.6**	
Notices of Dissolution		68	29	37	64	116	**219**		**88.8**	
Dissolutions		48	45	42	37	239	**126**	**306.5**	**-47.3**	
Mergers or Consolidations		144	32	31	46	34	**25**	**2400.0**	**-26.5**	
Foreign Qualifications		161	42	135	154	107	**152**		**42.1**	
Amendments to Foreign Charters		25	8	17	20	40	**15**		**-62.5**	
Withdrawals		21	12	10	37	14	**32**		**128.6**	
Telephone Lines (000)		1709.4	1714.1	1717.6	1719.0	1723.6	**1726.6**		**0.2**	
Total Mortgage Loans Closed ($ Mil)	$	223.5	234.6	255.2	291.7	281.6	**266.8**	**21.9**	**-5.3**	**67.3**
Fuel Consumption (Million Gallons)										
Gasoline		162.3	189.8	178.1	194.8	219.4	**150.1**	**-16.1**	**-31.6**	**3.4**
Highway Diesel		27.0	33.8	30.1	33.5	41.5	**25.2**	**0.0**	**-39.3**	**13.5**
Highway LPG		0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.3	**0.4**	**-42.9**	**33.3**	
Total Fuel Consumption		189.9	224.2	208.7	228.9	261.2	**175.7**	**-14.2**	**-32.7**	**4.7**
Louisiana State Employees' Retirement										
Regular Benefits Disbursed	$	9,061,510	9,393,722	9,487,725	9,495,129	9,478,095	**9,484,746**	**13.2**	**0.1**	
Disability Benefits Disbursed	$	682,239	696,777	701,825	689,123	715,229	**730,517**	**15.9**	**2.1**	
Survivors Benefits Disbursed	$	1,242,580	1,275,462	1,296,483	1,316,119	1,313,047	**1,292,893**	**7.4**	**-1.5**	
Total Benefits Disbursed	$	10,986,329	11,365,961	11,486,033	11,500,371	11,506,371	**11,508,156**	**12.7**	**0.0**	
Average Check Amount										
Regular	$	669.34	687.58	693.14	691.01	688.11	**687.45**	**7.7**	**-0.1**	
Disability	$	458.19	467.01	466.64	458.19	469.93	**495.77**	**12.6**	**5.5**	
Survivors	$	460.90	470.65	477.00	478.94	476.26	**467.93**	**1.4**	**-1.7**	

Economic Indicators: LOUISIANA - Continued

Categories	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Per Cent Change		
							Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12-Months
							Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Crude Petroleum Production									
Crude Runs To Stills (Daily Avg.)									
CITGO Petroleum	267,149	284,489	278,550	284,130	255,723	**222,606**	-8.6	-13.0	
CONOCO Inc.	129,129	121,865	100,810	134,242	123,552	**95,198**	1.0	-22.9	
EXXON Company	452,940	323,934	423,237	436,792	450,470	**403,688**	3.5	-10.4	
Gulf Oil Company	195,709	187,330	191,690	188,937	127,388	**188,350**	-11.2	47.9	
Marathon Oil	195,432	176,266	205,869	189,525	191,952	**175,403**	-2.6	-8.6	
Murphy Oil Company	57,464	54,490	58,925	58,925	49,412	**49,210**	-28.5	-0.4	
Shell Oil Company	194,796	191,437	198,004	198,004	206,844				
Tenneco Oil Company	89,252	75,558	89,404	91,938	80,343	**89,363**	13.5	11.2	
Texaco Inc.	120,926	124,385	134,840	127,443	0	**45,268**	-65.5		
Others	160,439	149,428	152,116	130,683	154,562	**106,032**	-9.8	-31.4	
Total	1,863,236	1,689,182	1,833,445	1,840,619	1,640,246	**1,375,118**	-17.0	-16.2	
North Louisiana (000 Bbls)	2,726	2,883	2,550	2,790	2,730	**2,852**	-3.2	4.5	-3.8
South Louisiana (000 Bbls)	35,380	38,440	39,000	40,107	38,970	**40,300**	7.9	3.4	5.2
LOOP Activities (000 Bbls)	12,175	15,787	18,577	21,706	21,681	**20,832**			
WELFARE ACTIVITY									
Aid to Dependent Children									
Total Assistance Payments	$ 11,815,756	11,952,270	12,051,114	12,640,993	12,600,214	**12,328,480**		-2.2	
Persons	209,570	212,048	213,816	223,238	222,554	**218,147**		-2.0	
Food Stamp Information									
Coupon Value	$ 26,921,413	27,702,133	27,562,375	26,708,300	26,992,011	**26,933,346**		-0.2	
Recipients	604,067	617,074	616,916	605,678	607,499	**607,516**		0.0	
Medicaid Information									
Claims	190,219	183,658	202,675	215,799	188,142	**212,748**		13.1	
Payments	$ 55,452,016	51,041,563	57,888,474	67,955,453	57,898,083	**64,460,007**		11.3	
Vital Statistics									
Births									
Deaths									

New Cars & Trucks Sales - Louisiana State

	Sep 83	Oct 83	Nov 83	Dec 83	Jan 84	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Percent Change		
													Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
													Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
NEW CAR SALES															
Buick	1,082	1,145	1,104	1,040	1,098	1,104	1,029	1,221	1,279	1,434	1,166	**1,455**	1.8	24.8	
Cadillac	435	402	416	478	489	431	335	448	494	437	374	**454**	5.1	21.4	
Chevrolet	1,541	1,664	1,666	1,674	1,941	1,713	2,031	1,907	2,080	2,133	1,793	**2,029**	9.7	13.2	
Chrysler	286	271	238	245	259	282	314	283	382	415	357	**422**	34.0	18.2	
Datsun	792	637	595	738	779	693	559	581	622	835	867	**961**	8.3	10.8	
Dodge	273	378	274	338	332	385	316	310	422	610	315	**371**	2.8	17.8	
Ford	1,615	2,047	1,581	1,610	1,794	1,890	1,868	1,801	1,933	2,211	1,657	**1,882**	13.6	13.6	
Honda	312	375	338	391	418	427	367	534	494	478	432	**686**	82.4	58.8	
Lincoln	310	307	294	202	201	221	315	304	279	321	312	**306**	3.0	-1.9	
Mazda	263	244	196	190	157	198	181	180	223	223	199	**205**	-25.7	3.0	
Mercury	565	613	647	574	589	732	705	646	834	834	693	**794**	8.3	14.6	
Oldsmobile	1,745	1,861	1,812	1,788	1,811	1,984	2,094	1,867	2,132	2,127	1,668	**1,762**	-19.4	5.6	
Plymouth	137	210	217	286	268	215	245	206	257	329	200	**207**	21.1	3.5	
Pontiac	851	1,011	941	795	1,091	944	1,103	1,001	1,172	1,259	977	**1,162**	24.7	18.9	
Renault	106	108	80	102	92	115	167	81	97	140	129	**257**	59.6	99.2	
Toyota	703	747	803	741	835	803	544	523	550	819	840	**1,066**	9.3	26.9	
Volkswagen	87	57	69	79	112	138	138	112	129	102	107	**92**	7.0	-14.0	
Volvo	120	116	107	118	106	123	176	149	142	169	131	**120**	-29.0	-8.4	
Other	540	476	402	476	556	490	426	489	641	593	445	**435**	-6.7	-2.2	
Total Car Sales	11,763	12,669	11,780	11,865	12,928	12,888	12,913	12,643	14,162	15,469	12,662	**14,666**	6.6	15.8	
NEW TRUCK SALES															
Chevrolet	1,652	1,802	1,795	1,903	1,831	1,703	1,882	1,906	2,168	2,172	1,792	**1,998**	3.7	11.5	
Datsun	251	222	118	191	208	457	348	247	322	399	299	**222**	-27.5	-25.8	
Dodge	475	455	459	517	585	641	739	803	778	965	750	**696**	-31.6	-7.2	
Ford	1,927	2,054	2,116	2,066	2,155	2,087	2,269	2,313	2,428	2,718	2,129	**2,220**	6.0	4.3	
GMC	383	514	493	500	509	494	484	507	697	661	499	**588**	9.1	17.8	
Mazda	126	131	123	143	160	209	161	119	187	197	144	**184**	4.5	27.8	
Toyota	540	437	330	393	652	672	485	498	634	850	576	**775**	41.7	34.5	
Other	307	302	315	358	394	359	467	457	554	583	439	**493**	55.0	12.3	
Total Truck Sales	5,661	5,917	5,749	6,071	6,494	6,622	6,835	6,850	7,768	8,545	6,628	**7,176**	11.5	8.3	

Louisiana State Sales Tax Collections By Parishes

											Percent Change		
											Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
	Pop	1982	1983	Jul 83	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Acadia	59,369	6,451,146	4,398,694	475,728	304,864	346,771	410,815	348,359	371,182	403,397	-15.2	8.7	-24.1
Allen	21,739	734,275	741,159	71,632	51,128	57,737	72,869	66,930	66,318	70,976	-0.9	7.0	11.6
Ascension	54,618	4,839,080	4,582,879	329,103	338,401	396,056	463,741	443,685	454,201	512,465	55.7	12.8	21.7
Assumption	23,955	804,759	707,164	60,309	49,727	47,286	65,107	60,738	58,976	63,673	5.6	8.0	0.5
Avoyelles	42,715	1,548,059	1,410,422	141,263	88,862	104,055	128,656	136,324	134,974	134,096	-5.1	-0.7	0.9
Beauregard	31,207	2,231,031	2,131,651	158,308	145,094	150,702	1,496,371	234,154	175,609	143,727	-9.2	-18.2	63.0
Bienville	16,188	369,800	413,991	32,940	34,119	31,757	45,747	34,259	33,947	57,758	75.3	70.1	16.8
Bossier	88,370	6,281,685	6,840,386	657,496	493,071	517,318	632,799	601,337	711,145	739,781	12.5	4.0	14.1
Caddo	261,817	44,513,539	43,592,733	3,782,769	3,229,687	3,262,456	3,837,227	3,912,576	5,364,947	4,159,375	10.0	-22.5	7.0
Calcasieu	176,760	22,449,491	22,692,702	2,246,583	1,585,443	1,676,471	1,927,083	1,984,993	2,345,348	2,100,754	-6.5	-10.4	5.9
Caldwell	10,947	426,209	370,848	32,534	40,446	26,536	30,156	28,264	29,117	41,922	28.9	44.0	10.6
Cameron	10,139	510,560	527,129	100,099	32,214	36,835	73,190	46,379	43,505	99,117	-1.0	127.8	18.3
Catahoula	12,326	642,369	609,866	52,270	39,362	46,618	53,215	52,153	58,519	55,365	5.9	-5.4	10.5
Claiborne	18,367	885,079	844,065	67,506	60,882	67,608	73,973	70,666	76,196	101,741	50.7	33.5	14.0
Concordia	23,577	1,040,474	1,069,580	102,269	70,253	87,650	97,422	113,147	111,473	108,537	6.1	-2.6	17.6
Desoto	26,970	1,666,348	1,306,081	95,724	90,544	81,905	337,119	106,299	138,937	121,723	27.2	-12.4	20.6
East Baton Rouge	389,503	69,994,517	71,262,773	6,070,495	5,393,569	5,536,886	6,354,735	7,069,142	6,385,220	6,870,428	13.2	7.6	11.7
East Carroll	11,671	501,990	478,773	42,947	36,626	46,400	49,262	53,412	52,660	56,312	31.1	6.9	21.6
East Feliciana	19,939	433,780	406,181	39,430	30,013	39,595	47,782	46,421	34,885	87,748	122.5	151.5	34.0
Evangeline	34,367	1,332,331	1,415,170	116,049	104,104	124,463	148,794	149,336	147,466	143,541	23.7	-2.7	30.9
Franklin	24,509	905,955	941,266	90,747	59,151	75,460	86,930	90,030	90,149	95,323	5.0	5.7	11.0
Grant	17,621	189,277	170,733	17,135	11,545	11,169	22,635	12,825	11,144	27,091	58.1	143.1	18.0
Iberia	69,257	9,056,676	7,215,551	670,099	630,847	554,640	665,994	1,219,975	690,466	733,183	9.4	6.2	10.0
Iberville	32,981	2,495,484	2,758,504	250,913	311,691	263,850	389,103	206,495	270,191	295,764	17.9	9.5	35.2
Jackson	17,309	1,496,263	1,065,947	70,335	63,389	58,734	87,554	1,131,185	136,206	95,070	35.2	-30.2	96.1
Jefferson	476,915	59,334,742	64,086,930	5,741,539	5,269,472	5,740,902	6,297,965	6,261,577	6,654,226	7,666,076	33.5	15.2	28.2
Jefferson Davis	33,017	2,250,965	1,874,734	162,579	138,355	117,082	208,942	191,405	191,393	187,252	15.2	-2.2	15.5
Lafayette	169,694	46,929,202	37,848,843	3,607,072	3,033,640	3,088,381	3,426,147	3,272,722	3,626,842	3,690,740	2.3	1.8	0.6
Lafourche	88,349	5,472,212	5,400,071	500,336	357,415	441,028	830,604	536,855	468,418	526,056	5.1	12.3	14.9
Lasalle	17,697	1,112,391	894,975	65,187	66,616	77,357	90,778	90,576	86,658	95,385	46.3	10.1	10.7
Lincoln	41,847	3,515,146	3,451,541	291,174	233,011	240,393	321,019	279,901	309,437	303,807	4.3	-1.8	10.3
Livingston	66,451	1,904,818	2,248,530	220,653	150,216	162,959	217,187	221,585	200,212	234,443	6.2	17.1	20.6
Madison	15,894	505,647	474,025	43,368	27,461	37,558	41,179	40,962	51,931	57,838	33.4	11.4	8.9
Morehouse	35,183	2,067,755	1,663,519	188,679	196,652	146,543	580,585	128,751	177,211	545,988	189.4	208.1	49.0
Natchitoches	40,805	2,391,431	2,427,376	146,069	168,699	565,083	166,077	201,391	221,195	244,792	67.6	10.7	26.9
Orleans	567,062	121,066,976	115,929,931	9,616,798	7,871,508	8,314,962	9,686,909	9,390,036	10,105,961	9,877,115	2.7	-2.3	-1.9
Ouachita	142,300	20,693,667	21,771,914	1,944,342	1,513,242	1,598,819	2,380,468	1,912,026	2,146,809	2,185,175	12.4	1.8	9.4
Plaquemines	26,778	4,860,319	3,696,832	318,029	265,248	306,084	321,374	237,682	295,155	290,665	-8.6	-1.5	-7.2
Pointe Coupee	25,091	847,016	856,287	87,468	58,746	75,893	72,558	74,935	70,582	100,430	14.8	42.3	11.0
Rapides	138,346	12,154,223	12,635,359	1,301,642	990,325	1,024,106	1,173,974	1,259,766	1,277,271	1,307,897	0.5	2.4	6.1
Red River	11,114	378,710	373,779	33,281	28,084	26,000	32,418	33,542	34,303	34,059	2.3	-0.7	11.2
Richland	22,785	992,010	989,231	90,548	65,724	72,583	100,421	85,055	67,276	103,935	14.8	54.5	13.6
Sabine	27,139	1,227,784	1,082,189	110,499	80,756	68,669	102,393	102,669	105,476	97,032	-12.2	-8.0	4.4
St. Bernard	67,949	3,363,434	2,403,265	259,538	146,587	181,175	189,958	150,634	287,329	318,753	22.8	10.9	-20.6
St. Charles	41,103	6,274,942	2,877,417	279,936	246,095	1,033,016	232,329	355,638	268,406	333,661	19.2	24.3	-28.0
St. Helena	10,186	114,529	134,869	11,581	11,006	17,500	28,638	18,757	12,508	12,699	9.7	1.5	91.7
St. James	21,970	1,002,413	1,101,744	99,275	67,438	103,766	105,659	96,369	76,519	91,743	-7.6	19.9	0.6
St. John	37,668	2,482,106	2,747,164	209,290	251,672	232,285	296,554	268,070	462,709	301,380	44.0	-34.9	51.5
St. Landry	87,800	6,560,646	5,105,021	515,228	446,327	405,403	450,969	486,589	478,945	508,620	-1.3	6.2	1.1
St. Martin	44,455	2,060,769	1,947,219	158,925	134,941	131,954	191,509	153,946	177,617	223,691	40.8	25.9	18.1
St. Mary	66,950	10,249,867	7,007,295	587,690	555,951	543,298	581,527	614,924	636,727	685,580	16.7	7.7	-9.6
St. Tammany	128,130	6,919,960	9,316,515	836,305	637,247	816,262	968,912	916,897	956,935	997,936	19.3	4.3	32.8
Tangipahoa	87,863	5,414,344	5,926,027	571,691	384,917	405,092	512,003	508,773	528,988	565,745	-1.0	6.9	1.5
Tensas	8,244	273,146	198,411	20,171	12,198	10,752	18,805	17,324	17,618	26,541	31.6	50.6	-11.4
Terrebonne	102,038	15,516,154	11,432,619	927,699	458,957	879,875	993,870	960,848	1,022,377	1,153,024	24.3	12.8	-14.0
Union	21,734	652,402	684,623	70,067	49,017	51,466	71,557	57,947	50,750	66,468	-5.1	31.0	-2.0
Vermillion	52,445	3,522,539	3,210,157	253,258	244,387	230,612	385,765	261,623	262,569	275,680	8.9	5.0	2.5
Vernon	61,275	1,581,026	2,085,166	198,959	150,939	158,485	191,240	194,938	196,155	235,559	18.4	20.1	16.7
Washington	45,765	1,964,399	1,740,296	163,060	119,354	134,472	170,523	165,031	155,590	184,090	12.9	18.3	10.9
Webster	45,205	2,761,257	2,700,587	235,831	182,191	193,515	253,368	230,708	262,124	554,205	135.0	111.4	13.2
West Baton Rouge	20,168	3,441,049	2,902,042	202,858	113,694	124,329	187,897	149,630	122,223	190,347	-6.2	55.7	-12.4
West Carroll	13,267	535,079	494,768	43,814	34,265	21,619	42,874	45,096	52,029	77,579	77.1	49.1	11.7
West Feliciana	13,269	2,551,591	2,851,065	133,569	160,172	161,364	99,993	2,924,158	250,040	175,404	31.3	-29.8	67.9
Winn	17,575	795,675	887,100	82,800	71,926	75,215	92,547	77,019	83,355	82,023	-0.9	-1.6	19.9
Out Of State		245,017,824	211,935,545	18,956,838	17,394,745	17,075,846	19,534,243	19,988,352	19,685,395	22,200,538	17.1	12.8	0.8
Total Sales Tax	4,437,847	796,100,874	735,292,543	65,063,000	55,684,231	58,740,662	69,253,372	71,183,789	70,130,264	73,036,841	12.3	4.1	5.8

Louisiana State Severence Tax Collections By Parishes

	Pop	1982	1983	**Jul 83**	**Feb 84**	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	**Jul 84**	**Percent Change**		
											Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
											Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Acadia	59,369	19,792,894	19,345,381	1,289,363	2,169,864	1,216,003	1,594,964	1,589,128	1,573,864	1,761,831	36.6	11.9	-0.4
Allen	21,739	2,616,917	2,526,225	192,000	360,162	209,671	232,250	238,853	261,965	230,526	20.1	-12.0	6.0
Ascension	54,618	1,728,485	1,691,156	136,630	181,516	157,647	139,218	115,592	129,665	144,962	6.1	11.8	-14.5
Assumption	23,995	7,153,096	5,295,410	401,010	629,459	423,474	442,834	555,093	514,754	492,434	22.8	-4.3	-4.3
Avoyelles	42,715	851,665	859,805	62,058	106,108	92,620	111,317	115,137	125,894	96,290	55.2	-23.5	28.9
Beauregard	31,207	7,143,826	6,435,831	492,801	743,954	489,073	412,782	603,808	586,444	541,421	9.9	-7.7	-3.0
Bienville	16,288	3,025,677	2,897,513	213,591	790,772	519,995	342,916	259,621	255,514	295,978	38.6	15.8	39.4
Bossier	88,370	11,362,772	12,162,276	1,101,303	1,000,902	808,676	921,962	1,087,446	607,259	1,264,232	14.8	108.2	-4.7
Caddo	261,817	12,505,030	16,008,108	939,160	980,033	1,116,186	982,055	980,976	740,876	1,043,948	11.2	40.9	-27.8
Calcasieu	176,760	14,322,911	15,046,901	921,739	1,745,268	1,275,271	1,418,482	1,305,288	1,653,951	1,610,111	74.7	-2.7	25.4
Caldwell	10,947	424,647	502,432	44,164	54,214	27,555	28,943	32,681	31,739	35,837	-18.9	12.9	21.2
Cameron	10,139	41,953,339	44,048,971	3,038,406	5,065,241	3,497,547	3,508,892	3,801,869	3,601,462	4,151,804	36.6	15.3	8.5
Catahoula	12,326	6,404,768	5,739,245	473,585	540,338	273,749	804,397	506,470	523,633	515,263	8.8	-1.6	5.6
Claiborne	18,367	26,917,538	21,319,942	1,629,937	2,050,877	1,837,099	1,406,125	1,692,284	1,474,225	1,353,909	-16.9	-8.2	-16.4
Concordia	23,577	10,749,463	9,184,582	598,294	1,002,597	845,751	908,560	915,480	789,192	802,911	34.2	1.7	8.8
Desoto	26,970	7,824,689	5,891,650	442,156	529,002	417,662	427,309	402,035	405,237	432,059	-2.3	6.6	-14.6
East Baton Rouge	389,503	25,158,593	21,416,104	921,993	2,538,368	1,907,798	2,013,289	2,255,754	2,122,697	2,093,986	127.1	-1.4	-2.7
East Carroll	11,671	15,019	6,569	0	0	2,108	665	116	43	1,000			
East Feliciana	19,939	2,007,452	829,948	44,450	76,025	68,326	39,312	73,117	48,816	37,629	-15.3	-22.9	-73.4
Evangeline	34,367	6,750,984	6,122,665	564,632	534,244	819,081	634,420	555,641	557,434	535,706	-5.1	-3.9	11.5
Franklin	24,509	476,656	395,259	32,198	40,193	38,554	50,595	30,919	40,546	48,740	51.4	20.2	23.0
Grant	17,621	865,413	465,991	45,156	52,872	41,974	44,908	40,513	51,653	51,640	14.4	-0.0	-9.7
Iberia	69,257	39,406,896	33,521,700	2,464,572	4,135,202	2,152,597	1,392,656	3,825,149	2,336,511	2,345,905	-4.8	0.4	-9.0
Iberville	32,981	15,863,899	15,327,388	1,360,891	2,050,619	1,252,714	713,227	1,779,392	711,879	1,835,573	34.9	157.8	3.9
Jackson	17,309	2,048,010	1,856,611	120,029	203,847	180,297	146,037	153,304	179,856	132,551	10.4	-26.3	2.2
Jefferson	476,915	27,535,931	19,127,157	1,551,530	2,400,914	1,790,201	1,769,223	1,983,292	1,683,400	1,794,141	15.6	6.6	-16.6
Jefferson Davis	33,017	15,362,034	14,320,220	1,005,726	1,780,280	1,113,801	1,192,040	1,144,110	1,002,486	1,215,323	20.8	21.2	-4.2
Lafayette	169,694	5,212,790	4,530,475	278,397	559,342	588,735	510,163	507,170	548,810	467,011	67.8	-14.9	19.1
Lafourche	88,349	64,546,371	56,652,150	4,576,672	6,019,691	4,412,282	4,147,368	4,700,750	4,654,687	4,590,223	0.3	-1.4	-1.8
La Salle	17,697	13,550,652	12,310,832	980,117	1,389,438	500,918	1,865,339	1,140,961	1,166,422	1,144,722	16.8	-1.9	5.0
Lincoln	41,847	5,623,062	5,137,179	429,409	713,430	438,500	352,910	377,207	391,099	261,544	-39.1	-33.1	12.9
Livingston	66,451	2,607,771	9,854,735	846,561	1,348,909	1,200,846	1,505,910	1,480,861	1,336,258	1,622,517	91.7	21.4	194.6
Madison	15,894	275,144	206,355	12,136	25,953	23,710	29,500	23,607	16,495	36,482	200.6	121.2	61.6
Morehouse	35,183	314,029	311,178	17,770	28,404	21,598	20,014	23,095	19,141	12,566	-29.3	-34.4	-2.7
Natchitoches	40,805	14,262,125	12,660,107	396,907	1,063,879	1,024,500	1,070,171	953,857	980,957	968,129	143.9	-1.3	-0.8
Orleans	567,062	364,938	448,401	46,980	28,529	25,147	32,837	23,095	18,035	26,637	-43.3	47.7	-26.2
Ouachita	142,300	1,956,512	1,923,067	158,527	226,277	138,376	171,246	149,493	142,901	80,191	-49.4	-43.9	-11.0
Plaquemines	26,778	204,145,143	167,741,282	13,672,616	17,653,477	12,683,502	11,154,158	15,981,065	11,161,175	16,357,815	19.6	46.6	-9.5
Pointe Coupee	25,091	13,688,798	14,004,909	921,922	2,035,094	1,256,428	1,102,815	1,125,447	1,217,540	1,021,312	10.8	-16.1	3.1
Rapides	138,346	2,393,945	1,705,830	133,406	133,705	40,655	216,792	130,317	139,747	132,378	-0.8	-5.3	-21.4
Red River	11,114	1,543,461	1,125,907	98,894	121,313	77,440	76,794	71,178	75,423	75,558	-23.6	0.2	-13.9
Richland	22,785	12,837,375	8,274,241	657,923	921,958	433,386	492,120	441,310	455,202	440,902	-33.0	-3.1	-32.0
Sabine	27,139	2,096,841	1,795,779	116,384	146,966	155,400	163,311	146,954	156,092	154,837	33.0	-0.8	-4.7
St. Bernard	67,949	12,687,999	11,476,777	608,396	2,224,684	1,645,006	1,145,241	1,798,146	1,842,214	2,283,424	275.3	23.9	67.8
St. Charles	41,103	19,169,678	16,058,381	1,322,345	2,855,646	1,520,160	691,821	2,538,531	842,832	2,664,170	101.5	216.1	14.4
St. Helena	10,186	1,450,461	2,818,427	209,906	275,538	285,893	300,062	289,749	273,863	301,636	43.7	10.1	50.0
St. James	21,970	2,918,261	2,631,727	189,555	382,081	320,975	237,361	191,629	267,798	278,163	46.7	3.9	21.9
St. John	37,668	2,490,816	1,632,620	123,366	233,040	110,179	112,122	126,719	102,260	100,162	-18.8	-2.1	-50.9
St. Landry	87,800	9,496,744	7,647,160	550,605	796,416	594,893	577,408	652,594	563,951	635,998	15.5	12.8	-12.5
St. Martin	44,455	28,387,940	22,857,804	1,696,746	2,359,117	1,685,679	1,492,793	2,312,215	1,554,088	2,191,901	29.2	41.0	-6.3
St. Mary	66,950	43,836,180	35,009,265	2,698,834	3,447,456	2,754,798	2,015,994	3,301,114	2,417,048	3,300,929	22.3	36.6	-14.7
St. Tammany	128,130	261,238	235,989	19,384	8,163	24,141	23,945	20,065	21,834	36,593	88.8	67.6	21.0
Tangipahoa	87,863	340,969	251,271	20,235	10,863	24,842	20,341	22,223	19,187	33,037	63.3	72.2	-0.5
Tensas	8,244	2,669,901	2,008,242	156,003	160,939	150,180	141,100	146,556	142,488	151,705	-2.8	6.5	-10.5
Terrebonne	102,038	79,416,441	63,653,019	4,937,914	6,184,306	4,849,043	4,209,223	4,834,005	4,429,792	5,677,180	15.0	28.2	-13.6
Union	21,734	2,934,907	2,737,407	244,078	277,372	190,525	209,212	221,191	215,262	212,700	-12.9	-1.2	-2.6
Vermillion	52,445	50,248,546	44,109,093	3,159,994	5,397,148	3,721,793	3,883,990	3,960,346	3,934,140	4,086,460	29.3	3.9	-4.4
Vernon	61,275	396,486	617,710	28,778	53,149	46,373	62,555	47,687	45,366	39,009	35.6	-14.0	7.4
Washington	45,765	233,683	255,728	18,377	21,496	22,505	23,913	20,462	10,572	29,502	60.5	179.1	9.0
Webster	45,205	8,145,991	6,475,394	503,830	656,725	628,678	539,233	636,603	515,719	788,454	56.5	52.9	0.6
West Baton Rouge	20,168	5,423,502	3,493,023	310,449	578,524	331,669	303,969	309,471	290,089	294,090	-5.3	1.4	-28.6
West Carroll	13,267	440	302	0	0	0	0	0	4	35			
West Feliciana	13,269	48,181	78,691	1,850	876	5,962	32,543	76,968	118,378	94,045		-20.6	
Winn	17,575	1,579,379	1,559,157	114,764	116,836	98,141	122,000	116,319	123,929	133,681	16.5	7.9	6.0
Total Severance Tax		925,571,870	806,140,457	60,417,905	90,219,612	64,608,288	60,735,650	74,942,024	62,221,785	75,591,410	25.1	21.5	-3.5

Source : ***Louisiana Department of Revenue & Taxation***

Oil Severence Tax Collections by Parishes

											Percent Change		
											Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
	Pop	1982	1983	Jul 83	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Acadia	59,369	15,944,483	15,234,568	976,758	1,725,357	1,557,491	1,285,366	1,281,905	1,277,727	1,369,735	40.2	7.2	5.4
Allen	21,739	2,186,496	2,146,648	169,598	334,926	181,808	204,414	208,863	224,985	201,528	18.8	-10.4	6.7
Ascension	54,618	1,636,414	1,600,240	128,454	177,868	144,419	125,428	99,158	113,636	129,044	0.5	13.6	-17.1
Assumption	23,995	4,665,401	3,501,013	300,709	397,566	276,191	317,264	298,969	345,288	324,876	8.0	-5.9	-11.8
Avoyelles	42,715	845,996	847,857	55,430	105,677	92,191	111,113	114,945	124,286	96,176	73.5	-22.6	30.3
Beauregard	31,207	6,430,523	5,642,364	420,031	713,362	452,404	367,526	506,791	533,755	505,799	20.4	-5.2	-3.4
Bienville	16,288	619,650	798,130	32,577	505,818	294,865	139,467	66,940	37,501	51,412	57.8	37.1	76.2
Bossier	88,370	9,814,323	10,622,260	853,037	876,878	823,963	773,253	945,272	477,273	1,168,854	37.0	144.9	-3.9
Caddo	261,817	11,133,163	13,723,289	562,840	859,591	1,015,910	887,984	886,289	659,373	945,890	68.1	43.5	-25.1
Calcasieu	176,760	12,803,364	13,252,033	780,212	1,608,704	1,128,101	1,133,677	1,169,219	1,524,637	1,411,066	80.9	-7.4	25.7
Caldwell	10,947	2,490	85	0	691	0	0	603	0	50			
Cameron	10,139	33,376,914	34,587,765	2,278,054	4,169,649	2,764,429	2,831,313	3,033,851	2,885,441	3,449,539	51.4	19.5	7.0
Catahoula	12,326	6,352,434	5,594,905	448,619	509,385	257,429	791,284	498,863	516,969	505,883	12.8	-2.1	5.6
Claiborne	18,367	24,653,349	18,722,546	1,270,079	1,861,697	1,580,990	1,222,397	1,502,536	1,301,629	1,165,825	-8.2	-10.4	-18.4
Concordia	23,577	10,688,753	9,185,355	593,849	987,596	839,178	903,384	908,014	764,154	795,011	33.9	4.0	7.8
Desoto	26,970	5,349,470	3,557,272	250,186	340,726	225,758	221,862	207,469	204,443	187,557	-25.0	-8.3	-26.4
East Baton Rouge	389,503	22,262,911	18,940,330	737,745	2,201,745	1,675,832	1,756,962	1,980,969	1,792,852	1,840,262	149.4	2.6	-5.4
East Carroll	11,671	8,060	4,815	0	0	0	0	0	0	965			
East Feliciana	19,939	1,753,418	652,508	39,509	63,242	53,934	29,333	54,673	39,134	24,843	-37.1	-36.5	-76.7
Evangeline	34,367	6,073,463	5,470,364	484,669	467,656	703,574	575,875	507,067	542,878	469,665	-3.1	-13.5	13.1
Franklin	24,509	351,499	319,579	24,480	36,121	33,785	38,595	26,692	36,202	27,410	12.0	-24.3	21.7
Grant	17,621	701,360	281,976	18,691	41,414	31,013	25,644	21,573	27,345	25,166	34.6	-8.0	-25.6
Iberia	69,257	23,860,129	19,389,465	1,408,309	1,883,214	1,036,208	1,122,295	1,681,048	1,139,082	1,148,121	-18.5	0.8	-21.6
Iberville	32,981	15,108,860	14,611,352	1,276,419	1,995,338	1,220,660	676,093	1,737,698	670,550	1,787,529	40.0	166.6	5.3
Jackson	17,309	977,181	755,458	48,267	114,923	58,936	66,471	66,173	67,546	63,544	31.7	-5.9	2.6
Jefferson	476,915	23,879,968	16,348,449	1,332,054	2,033,763	1,513,900	1,538,950	1,639,489	1,427,643	1,504,754	13.0	5.4	-18.3
Jefferson Davis	33,017	11,830,244	11,424,360	783,533	1,562,437	899,938	974,710	942,504	881,816	914,355	16.7	3.7	-0.2
Lafayette	169,694	3,546,804	3,027,961	189,819	417,376	419,783	372,542	361,168	391,756	324,768	71.1	-17.1	18.8
Lafourche	88,349	55,996,553	49,457,822	3,997,989	5,210,253	3,724,197	3,680,652	3,977,427	4,100,114	3,878,228	-3.0	-5.4	-3.8
La Salle	17,697	13,174,579	11,654,816	865,091	1,337,788	467,587	1,809,089	1,092,483	1,137,284	1,094,735	26.5	-3.7	5.5
Lincoln	41,847	3,377,927	3,110,600	214,521	438,922	231,474	206,885	185,909	217,951	126,636	-41.0	-41.9	12.5
Livingston	66,451	2,137,161	9,168,779	786,427	1,285,813	1,134,132	1,435,095	1,405,717	1,270,855	1,518,511	93.1	19.5	215.8
Madison	15,894	236,805	155,131	9,623	23,404	17,895	23,478	19,251	8,576	28,832	199.6	236.2	44.1
Morehouse	35,183	12,398	8,608	834	791	1,253	763	921	253	255	-69.4	0.8	0.0
Natchitoches	40,805	9,733,157	7,287,637	1,774	500,400	487,331	518,490	475,037	479,871	465,726		-2.9	-19.6
Orleans	567,062	71,096	213	0	1,697	0	8,680	0	2,140	0			
Ouachita	142,300	1,183,309	1,129,943	89,849	136,422	72,088	85,115	78,753	77,787	16,584	-81.5	-78.7	-15.6
Plaquemines	26,778	189,212,062	157,417,676	12,981,153	17,321,934	11,767,487	10,412,016	15,161,961	10,264,388	15,262,495	17.6	48.7	-7.8
Pointe Coupee	25,091	10,708,283	9,768,538	618,381	1,339,579	784,458	671,826	719,559	757,761	656,358	6.1	-13.4	-10.2
Rapides	138,346	2,106,662	1,381,560	103,329	116,963	20,842	190,359	102,438	111,879	102,988	-0.3	-7.9	-24.4
Red River	11,114	1,237,888	781,403	62,682	94,352	48,695	56,815	53,611	46,618	45,492	-27.4	-2.4	-27.8
Richland	22,785	12,673,591	8,133,456	650,230	907,309	422,450	482,312	428,268	444,226	428,762	-34.1	-3.5	-32.0
Sabine	27,139	1,452,393	1,043,410	56,997	90,847	78,330	89,183	78,464	81,287	83,190	46.0	2.3	-12.1
St. Bernard	67,949	11,666,314	10,516,268	522,111	2,100,376	1,562,791	1,074,102	1,727,395	1,756,352	2,182,241	318.0	24.2	73.8
St. Charles	41,103	17,633,287	14,970,593	1,236,582	2,685,758	1,424,720	666,041	2,399,662	741,753	2,578,285	108.5	247.6	16.2
St. Helena	10,186	1,252,203	2,602,591	190,800	261,688	266,198	278,355	269,861	254,406	278,869	46.2	9.6	
St. James	21,970	2,342,445	2,123,175	151,763	305,378	260,618	175,175	133,659	173,180	190,936	25.8	10.3	13.7
St. John	37,668	2,294,500	1,445,029	113,808	215,551	101,693	107,272	100,577	94,908	93,396	-17.9	-1.6	-51.9
St. Landry	87,800	7,882,447	6,504,759	473,739	697,789	497,482	468,611	568,118	475,145	549,327	16.0	15.6	-15.6
St. Martin	44,455	26,067,993	20,909,667	1,496,300	2,177,424	1,538,353	1,323,467	2,160,020	1,412,622	2,057,568	37.5	45.7	-5.6
St. Mary	66,950	28,232,935	22,867,803	1,651,035	2,300,483	1,900,976	1,393,826	2,171,423	1,495,399	2,245,317	36.0	50.1	-14.2
St. Tammany	128,130	14,420	13,675	2,675	0	1,359	688	220	2,018	2,031	-24.1	0.6	0.0
Tangipahoa	87,863	153,332	80,077	8,585	4,439	15,803	5,663	5,519	9,367	4,070	-52.6	-56.5	-11.8
Tensas	8,244	2,525,349	1,892,643	144,499	153,772	139,341	130,365	136,557	136,740	139,185	-3.7	1.8	-11.3
Terrebonne	102,038	60,080,512	48,928,457	3,794,568	4,477,994	3,552,101	3,195,434	3,309,159	3,313,334	4,133,065	8.9	24.7	-16.8
Union	21,734	2,042,800	1,584,433	35,753	165,301	113,332	113,142	137,340	134,927	126,767	254.6	-6.0	-6.9
Vermillion	52,445	35,103,409	30,788,559	2,004,748	3,861,885	2,450,868	2,600,261	2,521,371	2,647,255	2,776,856	38.5	4.9	-7.9
Vernon	61,275	0	178,043	11,373	19,902	9,437	8,766	9,866	10,068	6,853	-39.7	-31.9	
Washington	45,765	0	682	0	0	0	0	0	242	0			
Webster	45,205	5,434,897	4,473,306	283,633	455,657	421,290	368,266	464,823	353,049	635,075	123.9	79.9	1.0
West Baton Rouge	20,168	4,360,693	2,669,439	256,025	446,569	232,166	211,553	210,370	218,446	189,633	-25.9	-13.2	-36.0
West Carroll	13,267	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
West Feliciana	13,269	643	54,412	0	0	0	26,414	64,047	103,319	78,258		-24.3	
Winn	17,575	968,498	871,138	56,482	75,504	61,900	83,030	76,442	77,525	73,483	30.1	-5.2	2.6
Total		715,405,824	664,125,302	48,337,287	75,204,662	52,892,049	50,394,392	61,004,967	50,418,946	62,489,637	29.3	23.9	0.0

Source : *Louisiana Department of Revenue & Taxation*

Natural Gas Severence Tax Collections by Parishes

	Pop	1982	1983	**Jul 83**	**Feb 84**	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	**Jul 84**	**Percent Change**		
											Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
											Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Acadia	59,369	3,743,826	4,072,635	312,193	444,393	141,630	309,219	305,023	294,791	391,374	25.4	32.8	-12.9
Allen	21,739	221,635	172,706	15,150	10,922	12,050	14,284	11,167	11,215	11,537	-23.8	2.9	-19.1
Ascension	54,618	86,641	87,153	8,020	3,522	12,881	13,385	16,095	15,340	15,568	94.1	1.5	42.2
Assumption	23,995	2,448,050	1,824,970	158,141	228,850	144,640	122,624	251,752	166,198	165,762	4.8	-0.3	8.5
Avoyelles	42,715	210	5,318	5,145	7	6	5	6	2	0			
Beauregard	31,207	340,925	446,187	54,228	6,351	11,180	12,930	69,077	26,726	10,408	-80.8	-61.1	-6.8
Bienville	16,288	2,156,360	1,747,159	162,350	240,954	182,552	160,590	167,992	178,346	189,044	16.4	6.0	25.3
Bossier	88,370	1,365,038	1,380,619	235,718	115,645	23,070	131,535	127,576	110,358	77,940	-66.9	-29.4	-10.9
Caddo	261,817	1,059,544	2,245,353	372,592	119,211	99,435	90,250	88,278	76,604	92,579	-75.2	20.9	-46.1
Calcasieu	176,760	1,369,116	1,682,399	137,015	130,492	141,718	278,632	127,641	117,825	186,808	36.3	58.5	28.2
Caldwell	10,947	286,928	302,879	13,070	42,432	14,726	21,479	22,352	21,333	22,346	71.0	4.7	18.0
Cameron	10,139	9,350,622	9,434,845	760,207	895,444	732,971	677,406	767,700	715,805	702,096	-7.6	-1.9	3.9
Catahoula	12,326	85	16,403	16,326	3	7	8	18	7	7			
Claiborne	18,367	2,098,420	2,426,831	348,878	165,377	227,363	155,081	176,863	154,512	165,074	-52.7	6.8	-1.1
Concordia	23,577	52,771	37,281	3,977	14,992	6,517	5,152	7,262	24,396	6,740	69.5	-72.4	100.4
Desoto	26,970	2,324,255	2,066,497	183,119	180,038	184,992	193,985	181,057	184,115	222,515	21.5	20.9	5.4
East Baton Rouge	389,503	2,908,285	2,439,658	180,283	334,525	228,966	252,259	272,369	324,679	250,137	38.7	-23.0	16.4
East Carroll	11,671	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
East Feliciana	19,939	166,215	112,753	37	8,105	6,443	1,534	8,286	3,204	4,265	11427.0	33.1	-72.7
Evangeline	34,367	584,682	601,140	77,659	65,803	114,829	57,495	46,916	7,908	64,290	-17.2		5.6
Franklin	24,509	116,400	70,810	7,706	4,072	4,767	11,992	4,050	3,403	20,750			32.1
Grant	17,621	0	15,220	13,069	1,257	932	1,455	1,443	1,693	1,322	-89.9	-21.9	0.0
Iberia	69,257	15,066,238	13,884,385	1,051,569	2,235,199	1,096,946	252,863	2,118,548	1,179,828	1,182,591	12.5	0.2	11.6
Iberville	32,981	732,311	702,501	82,972	53,848	31,394	35,921	39,812	39,554	45,865	-44.7	16.0	-23.5
Jackson	17,309	780,954	818,593	62,546	63,563	101,702	51,583	79,683	96,496	42,450	-32.1	-56.0	10.7
Jefferson	476,915	2,945,320	2,167,171	177,975	298,126	217,286	154,598	256,572	194,418	205,692	15.6	5.8	-15.6
Jefferson Davis	33,017	3,458,221	2,871,761	221,880	217,436	213,501	216,647	199,139	119,477	298,466	34.5	149.8	-18.3
Lafayette	169,694	1,601,496	1,482,469	87,572	141,416	168,031	136,805	145,107	156,299	141,342	61.4	-9.6	19.9
Lafourche	88,349	7,803,888	7,168,470	578,015	809,397	688,045	466,572	723,232	554,489	711,972	23.2	28.4	13.9
La Salle	17,697	97,559	160,307	81,326	3,715	5,149	7,204	5,974	5,419	6,792	-91.6	25.3	-59.3
Lincoln	41,847	2,065,668	1,894,628	203,967	264,465	193,165	135,994	179,799	161,620	112,785	-44.7	-30.2	17.5
Livingston	66,451	280,776	553,731	49,637	54,130	58,296	59,848	59,574	58,673	74,694	50.5	27.3	39.8
Madison	15,894	4,491	4,643	346	447	434	396	508	381	151	-56.4	-60.4	-4.1
Morehouse	35,183	174,125	186,102	16,366	18,566	10,750	9,449	9,032	8,793	11,195	-31.6	27.3	-8.8
Natchitoches	40,805	4,054,681	5,000,222	378,874	538,694	521,551	513,650	447,413	466,026	465,211	22.8	-0.2	39.5
Orleans	567,062	284,262	459,717	46,980	26,832	25,147	23,489	19,372	14,264	26,637	-43.3	86.7	-27.7
Ouachita	142,300	678,962	682,089	57,768	80,936	54,696	75,172	60,246	55,550	52,311	-9.4	-5.8	-4.2
Plaquemines	26,778	14,077,342	9,802,321	655,803	250,488	842,494	656,331	731,045	829,024	1,012,013	54.3	22.1	-33.1
Pointe Coupee	25,091	2,936,771	4,218,645	302,759	694,259	471,253	430,547	404,987	459,243	364,317	20.3	-20.7	40.6
Rapides	138,346	10,705	24,846	9,316	654	452	76	1,246	70	558			-69.8
Red River	11,114	223,299	283,793	30,687	19,815	21,851	16,098	10,893	22,232	19,351	-36.9	-13.0	29.2
Richland	22,785	126,029	134,081	7,693	14,649	10,936	9,669	12,861	10,975	12,127	57.6	10.5	-20.6
Sabine	27,139	300,206	215,810	41,643	20,045	23,777	21,001	22,486	21,120	31,881	-23.4	51.0	-13.8
St. Bernard	67,949	1,014,884	950,359	85,037	124,308	80,525	70,274	69,866	84,878	97,976	15.2	15.4	5.0
St. Charles	41,103	1,494,218	1,066,421	82,227	161,492	95,399	25,777	128,822	101,079	85,885	4.4	-15.0	-8.9
St. Helena	10,186	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
St. James	21,970	571,289	499,268	36,329	76,703	60,348	62,187	57,876	93,393	86,941	139.3	-6.9	61.1
St. John	37,668	119,234	140,349	10,503	14,667	6,571	4,396	16,142	7,352	6,766	-35.6	-8.0	-28.3
St. Landry	87,800	1,973,809	1,119,103	75,962	97,810	96,920	108,248	83,587	87,990	85,607	12.7	-2.7	-19.5
St. Martin	44,455	2,214,439	1,923,118	199,519	180,379	145,309	168,306	151,103	139,936	133,400	-33.1	-4.7	-10.2
St. Mary	66,950	15,025,658	11,899,966	1,032,663	1,123,832	837,976	608,211	1,119,013	906,799	1,042,265	0.9	14.9	-15.0
St. Tammany	128,130	16,880	11,840	1,473	769	663	1,684	2,655	2,824	791	-46.3	-72.0	-5.3
Tangipahoa	87,863	0	0	0	338	0	287	315	197	0			
Tensas	8,244	126,980	79,958	7,045	6,648	9,964	9,285	7,845	4,258	10,397	47.6	144.2	-0.6
Terrebonne	102,038	18,672,525	14,581,707	1,121,167	1,689,889	1,281,882	997,911	1,509,839	1,107,422	1,539,903	37.3	39.1	-0.0
Union	21,734	672,523	837,772	185,826	86,745	50,797	60,239	52,694	56,242	49,750	-73.2	-11.5	-4.6
Vermillion	52,445	14,911,879	13,258,108	1,155,244	1,535,263	1,270,916	1,283,729	1,438,975	1,286,885	1,309,604	13.4	1.8	5.2
Vernon	61,275	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Washington	45,765	24,074	20,574	1,631	3,094	1,749	1,594	1,281	1,476	920	-43.6	-37.7	-2.9
Webster	45,205	2,425,295	1,775,336	203,467	189,120	197,627	152,832	157,027	149,450	132,484	-34.9	-11.4	-0.1
West Baton Rouge	20,168	1,058,003	821,184	54,170	131,900	99,416	92,366	99,080	70,618	103,520	91.1	46.6	5.3
West Carroll	13,267	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
West Feliciana	13,269	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,793	11,648	9,008		-22.7	
Winn	17,575	74,830	79,425	16,183	7,111	4,639	6,028	7,275	7,469	7,820	-51.7	4.7	-2.2
Total		147,525,184	132,742,920	11,479,023	14,249,143	10,959,833	9,438,541	13,093,641	11,012,348	12,121,999	5.6	10.1	-0.0

Source : ***Louisiana Department of Revenue & Taxation***

Louisiana State Sales Tax Collections by Commodity

										Percent Change		
										Latest Month		Latest 12 Months
	1982	1983	Jul 83	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Compared With Prior 12 Months
Grocery Stores	23,744,759	25,381,100	2,203,238	1,983,992	2,096,939	2,549,174	2,312,564	2,404,686	2,855,771	29.6	18.8	12.8
Fruit & Vegetable Stores	1,082,204	1,145,561	100,892	99,656	102,050	110,356	84,754	92,390	92,359	-8.5	-0.0	7.4
Meat & Seafood Stores	3,405,760	3,414,495	310,571	256,568	271,301	326,083	281,529	327,079	315,089	1.5	-3.7	-0.2
Restaurants & Cafes	27,284,237	29,037,538	2,448,219	2,236,888	2,317,625	2,540,642	2,532,889	2,682,637	2,956,070	20.7	10.2	7.2
Saloons, Bars, Package Liquors	27,129,704	27,369,731	2,603,515	1,786,236	2,051,235	2,263,967	2,145,288	2,485,263	2,382,406	-8.5	-4.1	0.0
Dairy, Egg, Poultry	1,663,467	1,872,052	156,518	132,220	153,633	181,149	164,522	178,262	198,202	26.6	11.2	21.0
Bakeries	664,543	629,917	58,455	55,289	51,422	55,633	58,401	50,133	72,136	23.4	43.9	3.1
Chain Stores (Food)	6,308,190	6,255,457	493,115	572,323	347,239	373,462	402,688	368,287	526,842	6.8	43.1	-9.8
Other Foods	13,017,881	13,405,241	1,188,487	1,080,763	1,135,190	1,358,039	1,226,031	1,394,050	1,628,847	37.1	16.8	19.1
Men and Boy's Clothing	3,389,381	3,300,023	281,269	230,228	208,488	254,984	306,349	275,888	262,499	-6.7	-4.9	-1.0
Women's Ready To Wear	6,883,943	6,878,859	521,650	472,562	463,424	652,718	657,576	604,470	558,418	7.0	-7.6	4.8
Millinery	5,334,023	5,812,964	523,652	314,673	321,601	421,659	488,765	519,595	524,910	0.2	1.0	1.3
Shoe Stores	11,547,959	7,831,831	500,931	428,068	461,372	580,442	699,420	562,010	560,380	11.9	-0.3	-28.7
Salvage Clothing	33,125	52,793	4,136	3,972	5,149	5,235	3,812	3,923	4,950	19.7	26.2	19.0
Children's Clothing	512,907	525,921	35,231	41,614	35,913	51,621	47,177	30,242	35,267	0.1	16.6	0.1
Chain Stores (Clothing)	41,769	24,352	3,164	384	250	0	381	0	96			
Other Apparel	6,980,025	7,161,148	533,112	530,646	492,921	651,836	661,043	660,976	652,337	22.4	-1.3	16.4
Department Stores	20,864,177	26,223,740	2,257,764	1,685,660	1,887,782	2,440,031	2,421,427	2,507,851	2,607,809	15.5	4.0	28.1
Country & Farm Stores	136,307	121,505	8,569	3,973	4,180	6,165	3,676	5,314	5,488	-36.0	3.3	-33.0
Variety Stores	20,927,326	21,461,157	1,703,787	1,186,646	1,353,668	1,655,385	1,961,359	2,303,437	2,342,347	37.5	1.7	8.5
Drug Stores	11,001,912	11,602,697	904,254	889,037	930,502	957,118	1,032,187	1,036,493	939,235	3.9	-9.4	5.9
Jewelry, Leather, Sporting Goods	12,783,696	14,414,147	1,080,706	869,472	883,659	1,005,031	1,136,982	1,247,197	1,154,501	6.8	-7.4	3.8
Feed & Seed	1,453,850	1,434,937	136,969	109,798	120,086	162,149	190,562	141,348	125,315	-8.5	-11.3	15.6
Hardware Stores	13,861,154	12,844,865	1,169,712	1,023,240	973,822	1,174,007	1,114,172	1,222,411	1,163,043	-0.6	-4.9	3.9
Farm Implement Dealers	7,239,677	6,195,002	572,445	433,917	481,391	544,374	674,099	727,674	662,843	15.8	-8.9	10.3
Chain Stores (General)	22,029,892	22,162,086	1,741,634	1,397,244	1,489,074	1,702,510	1,759,807	2,032,594	1,734,411	-0.4	-14.7	5.5
Other General Merchandise	12,281,444	11,244,472	947,060	698,330	715,194	966,133	935,675	991,342	1,037,277	9.5	4.6	-0.0
Motor Vehicle Dealers	8,234,199	8,052,044	686,317	666,044	666,072	698,842	677,062	714,546	675,811	-1.5	-5.4	5.7
Auto Parts, Tires	21,152,837	21,360,877	1,988,516	1,666,398	1,749,563	1,849,649	1,951,230	2,044,180	2,040,314	2.6	-0.2	7.2
Service Stations	8,707,536	8,947,964	769,057	275,719	638,519	572,054	631,362	851,342	1,398,846	81.9	64.3	-3.2
Garages, Repair Shops	9,834,715	9,427,830	896,974	786,762	760,714	969,026	806,416	835,215	979,636	9.2	17.3	5.9
Diesel Fuel, Fuel Oil	474,089	582,261	47,794	53,281	37,230	257,108	85,478	47,607	62,890	31.6	32.1	151.7
Marine Supplies	2,292,442	1,582,057	171,854	106,296	134,376	150,016	136,064	138,280	172,835	0.6	25.0	-10.9
Motor Boats	1,316,565	1,108,908	130,694	44,204	97,259	131,835	120,811	134,037	140,137	7.2	4.6	-0.9
Aircraft	759,352	497,852	44,040	39,507	33,952	46,709	32,027	33,821	38,339	-12.9	13.4	-7.7
Chain Stores (Auto)	11,075,342	12,563,658	2,957,771	773,757	1,046,462	824,563	664,111	1,007,498	721,887	-75.6	-28.3	-23.6
Other Automotive	1,177,057	1,008,012	106,504	73,350	66,003	58,391	97,851	106,192	100,613	-5.5	-5.3	-2.2
Furniture Stores	7,865,410	7,973,149	713,700	596,911	628,710	696,765	657,420	728,814	694,953	-2.6	-4.6	8.7
Electric & Gas App	12,289,457	13,511,204	1,189,537	1,083,642	961,855	1,232,564	1,267,284	1,315,146	1,334,189	12.2	1.4	14.4
Butane Dealers	10,808,841	7,690,840	513,165	756,516	648,040	648,640	691,078	690,945	691,836	34.8	0.1	-5.8
Store, Office Furniture	10,577,022	10,748,882	825,149	1,598,089	1,150,845	1,126,683	1,131,957	1,216,534	1,316,858	59.6	8.2	47.4
Hotel, Restaurant Supplies	2,530,465	4,255,817	171,097	192,420	211,433	255,489	219,149	266,176	210,388	23.0	-21.0	64.0
Awnings, Blinds, Upholstery	3,268,459	3,108,648	261,495	294,736	292,469	282,617	303,231	313,475	360,679	37.9	15.1	14.7
Dental, Medical Supplies	3,661,043	4,280,894	371,223	265,672	313,913	306,381	327,716	375,043	393,039	5.9	4.8	9.9
Safes, Locks	429,823	417,949	28,054	28,177	27,273	56,395	35,348	32,694	37,160	32.5	13.7	7.9
Chain Stores (Furniture)	7,647	10,682	1,123	1,757	317	325	1,877	1,192	549	-51.1	-53.9	
Other Furniture	2,734,289	3,181,748	303,797	276,738	260,963	289,104	264,932	309,876	353,101	16.2	13.9	14.7
Bldg Contractors, Construction	2,693,511	2,085,308	180,059	118,997	166,398	198,744	206,268	191,228	183,701	2.0	-3.9	11.4
Lumber, Paint, Wallpaper Stores	36,831,502	42,595,328	4,028,518	2,809,748	3,493,627	4,160,704	4,391,591	4,367,054	4,242,791	5.3	-2.8	19.2
Electric, Plumbing, Elevators	26,962,667	23,903,665	2,174,641	2,446,956	2,465,258	3,307,178	2,724,133	2,997,351	2,737,445	25.9	-8.7	14.9
Oil Well Equipment	49,203,655	24,701,963	2,177,139	2,230,371	2,259,629	2,756,616	2,996,452	2,720,817	2,520,055	15.8	-7.4	-2.1
Contractors (Elect)	2,283,665	2,108,270	176,340	342,106	176,014	184,749	203,886	195,509	239,981	36.1	22.7	19.3
Contractors (Paint)	146,488	131,548	13,242	9,074	11,881	16,850	16,458	11,650	20,458	54.5	75.6	11.0
Contractors (Roofing)	454,881	513,978	50,467	40,827	41,405	48,117	43,811	48,663	55,255	9.5	13.5	10.6
Trucks, Dragline, Etc.	24,988,027	19,987,426	1,872,208	1,452,285	1,652,419	1,756,180	1,690,214	2,008,964	2,127,886	13.7	5.9	0.0
Chain Stores (Lumber)	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Other Contractors	5,579,090	4,708,506	533,934	293,098	325,880	422,204	371,690	381,067	403,299	-24.5	5.8	-5.0
Hotels, Motels, Etc.	10,071,000	9,956,136	934,066	748,438	826,562	984,066	1,020,401	984,262	1,153,570	23.5	17.2	8.6
Leasing, Renting	26,239,810	22,822,322	1,545,839	1,461,700	1,592,226	1,919,509	2,721,620	1,665,051	2,487,827	60.9	49.4	-4.2
Bowling, Billiards	142,990	152,936	10,978	23,106	16,966	19,957	18,003	16,584	16,198	47.5	-2.3	30.6
Laundry, Tailoring	3,264,509	3,292,742	265,484	280,099	365,577	337,947	306,733	286,870	294,505	10.9	2.7	10.1
Newspapers, Printing	7,771,927	7,352,909	606,525	607,082	693,672	729,683	669,630	706,386	777,897	28.3	10.1	8.7
Cotton Gins, Etc.	4,647	11,069	643	486	815	1,215	1,321	1,096	1,099	70.9	0.3	5.5
Warehouses	425,406	508,029	48,378	28,001	19,264	44,797	37,272	39,288	35,172	-27.3	-10.5	-25.3
Shoe Repair, Shine	174,698	177,034	15,849	13,457	13,968	18,348	12,402	11,933	16,998	7.2	42.4	0.3

Source: Department of Revenue &Taxation

Louisiana State Sales Tax Collections by Commodity

	1982	1983	Jul 83	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Percent Change Latest Month Same Month Prior Year	Percent Change Latest Month Prior Month	Percent Change Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Machine Shops, Welding	**8,754,350**	**6,462,477**	586,758	616,849	558,507	589,816	536,604	569,815	**627,051**	6.9	10.0	-3.2
Other Service Groups	**6,078,216**	**6,486,991**	682,008	448,095	439,047	559,714	600,596	613,924	**731,703**	7.3	19.2	10.7
Beverage Bottlers	**4,931,515**	**4,983,043**	467,228	331,269	384,843	407,970	430,899	525,365	**485,571**	3.9	-7.6	4.8
Sugar Refineries	**135,667**	**90,561**	3,711	8,924	6,053	6,328	7,720	8,485	**9,751**	162.8	14.9	4.9
Petroleum, Natural Gas	**1,744,043**	**1,789,537**	166,281	120,110	127,624	121,090	98,976	1,365,506	**137,204**	-17.5	-90.0	31.7
Petroleum Refineries	**8,720,419**	**3,508,428**	259,086	322,947	1,051,086	301,397	273,984	320,148	**298,088**	15.1	-6.9	-43.5
Sawmills, Sash & Door	**317,022**	**120,332**	6,962	10,459	7,178	6,592	9,860	8,236	**13,729**	97.2	66.7	-63.5
Sand & Gravel	**3,265,240**	**3,185,730**	247,972	216,502	250,870	331,775	336,198	296,992	**326,947**	31.8	10.1	22.2
Rice Mills	**10,569**	**30,885**	1,443	1,306	1,002	1,762	626	242	**1,150**	-20.3	375.2	127.0
Cotton Seed Oil	**21,800**	**27,030**	2,564	2,190	1,748	2,477	3,599	2,830	**2,837**	10.6	0.3	-0.2
Ice Manufacture	**259,080**	**235,530**	28,326	6,337	7,883	11,509	12,954	25,042	**31,316**	10.6	25.1	0.8
Other Manufacturers	**75,852,081**	**58,117,420**	4,712,448	4,591,089	5,123,336	7,415,381	10,050,028	5,141,845	**5,186,858**	10.1	0.9	4.2
Railroads	**3,375**	**223**	13	0	0	47	0	0	**0**			
Bus Lines, Etc.	**3,241**	**2,504**	135	71	0	174	6	107,351	**16,191**			
Pullman, Tank Cars	**0**	**0**	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**			
Trucking, Freight, Etc.	**19,339**	**24,983**	664	985	987	1,019	564	2,113	**1,488**	124.1	-29.6	56.6
Fire Protection	**264,164**	**241,756**	21,829	30,160	25,172	19,659	22,291	19,704	**27,082**	24.1	37.4	13.4
Pipelines	**29,868**	**27,981**	1,270	2,160	3,566	1,993	1,234	666	**910**	-28.3	36.6	-56.4
Light, Power, Gas	**1,115,180**	**973,003**	96,055	67,071	119,065	92,929	68,376	90,820	**92,092**	-4.1	1.4	-4.0
Telephone, Telegraph	**116,930**	**103,973**	8,442	3,428	10,804	7,485	11,196	8,295	**9,766**	15.7	17.7	-19.4
Other Utilities	**1,273,164**	**2,963,612**	332,406	89,704	35,595	81,383	73,467	267,201	**141,875**	-57.3	-46.9	[illegible]
Book Stores, Etc.	**4,239,180**	**3,682,533**	306,177	415,064	308,554	271,207	322,093	256,305	**389,800**	27.3	52.1	-3.3
Itinerant Vendors	**132,011**	**108,053**	10,665	7,654	7,525	10,002	8,030	9,615	**9,618**	-9.8	0.0	-9.9
Piano, Musical Instruments	**3,692,987**	**3,334,571**	273,081	235,066	247,467	284,297	229,827	225,323	**276,238**	1.2	22.6	-6.0
Iron, Sheet Metal, Etc.	**735,413**	**548,730**	45,810	42,784	44,725	56,393	49,232	49,944	**59,817**	30.6	19.8	3.5
Photo Studios	**2,865,013**	**2,908,090**	281,115	206,022	210,220	259,537	247,728	271,632	**295,697**	5.2	8.9	3.4
Cigar Stores, News	**5,428,202**	**5,904,223**	540,039	434,693	477,784	480,408	456,929	508,417	**575,027**	6.5	13.1	3.9
Florists, Nurseries	**2,601,671**	**2,651,028**	219,725	165,621	225,966	287,691	350,263	298,183	**288,325**	31.2	-3.3	-9.2
Funeral Parlors	**1,133,788**	**1,222,751**	104,049	119,507	106,109	120,236	102,714	107,979	**122,585**	17.8	13.5	7.0
Fishing Bait	**1,476,401**	**1,679,656**	126,828	135,149	96,052	106,721	101,759	93,614	**148,977**	17.5	59.1	-2.4
Miscellaneous	**77,934,308**	**112,009,119**	5,875,798	5,702,327	5,344,434	6,668,810	5,584,807	5,951,930	**7,947,133**	35.3	33.5	-34.6
Common Carriers	**4,584,844**	**3,219,598**	281,620	281,021	227,548	287,530	269,421	257,631	**261,924**	-7.0	1.7	-4.3
Total Sales Tax	**796,100,874**	**735,292,543**	65,063,000	55,684,231	58,740,662	69,253,372	71,183,789	70,130,264	**73,036,841**	12.3	4.1	5.8

Source: Department of Revenue & Taxation

Louisiana Local Sales Tax Collections - Police Juries

Categories	Rate	Pop	1982	1983	Aug 83	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Percent Change Latest Month Same Month Prior Year	Percent Change Latest Month Prior Month	Percent Change Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Acadia	1.00	59,369	**0**	**2,305,274**	202,290	214,482	258,126	246,204	246,289	226,740	**256,600**	26.8	13.2	
Ascension	0.00	54,618	**2,996,742**	**2,552,749**	170,314	219,294	264,887	226,754	242,038	300,071				
Assumption	1.00	23,955	**1,280,502**	**1,427,214**	104,720	89,489	91,904	79,541	84,273	85,088	**87,918**	-16.0	3.3	-6.0
Caldwell	1.00	10,947	**393,867**	**459,563**	29,523	38,555	44,550	43,733	41,409	43,716	**49,942**	69.2	14.2	24.0
Catahoula	1.50	12,326	**843,628**	**821,362**	71,149	68,417	65,251	69,027	86,749	92,808	**76,208**	7.1	-17.9	12.9
Concordia	1.00	23,577	**462,426**	**577,298**	38,762	56,641	64,272	62,409	57,524	69,666	**59,128**	52.5	-15.1	63.6
Lafayette	1.00	169,694	**4,902,784**	**3,195,720**	225,901	343,658	429,229	321,109	325,179	431,383	**299,260**	32.5	-30.6	21.7
Lincoln	0.75	41,847	**1,046,441**	**1,623,593**	166,965	154,123	144,946	154,665	140,123	138,594	**152,076**	-8.9	9.7	22.5
Madison	0.00	15,894	**249,468**	**249,580**	18,491	21,331	22,417	21,520	25,718	23,511				
Ouachita	1.00	142,300	**2,315,549**	**2,583,554**	232,363	201,720	246,833	243,904	246,145	294,222	**243,310**	4.7	-17.3	19.1
Pointe Coupee	1.00	25,091	**3,679,288**	**2,213,779**	86,845	121,840	97,362	97,362	759,464	165,480	**105,843**	21.9	-36.0	13.1
Rapides	1.00	138,346	**8,192,968**	**8,861,752**	649,499	689,533	814,540	816,416	825,918	767,939	**777,551**	19.7	1.3	12.3
Red River	1.00	11,114	**407,362**	**413,602**	29,680	34,161	39,572	36,922	40,340	36,281	**38,445**	29.5	6.0	21.0
St Bernard	0.00	67,949	**5,822,888**	**7,149,076**	676,604	612,000	620,000							
Tensas	1.00	8,244	**362,751**	**302,713**	19,780	22,916	25,066	25,863	24,400	30,562	**26,517**	34.1	-13.2	-12.3
Vermillion	1.00	52,445	**5,391,480**	**4,103,253**	385,316	318,272								
Total			**38,348,144**	**38,840,082**	3,108,202	3,206,432	3,228,955	2,445,429	3,145,569	2,706,061	**2,172,798**	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

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Louisiana Local Sales Tax Collections - Parish School Boards

											Percent Change		
											Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Categories	Rate	Pop	1982	1983	Aug 83	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Acadia	2.00	59,369	3,487,633	3,032,095	204,942	225,403	258,125	275,013	285,968	248,159	265,374	29.5	6.9	5.2
Allen	1.00	21,739	907,276	977,971	78,494	72,281	108,433	78,211	85,036	142,867	85,318	8.7	-40.3	10.5
Ascension	2.00	54,618	9,171,365	8,780,407	734,813	718,007	873,844	795,683	816,634	946,188	757,315	3.1	-20.0	18.9
Assumption	3.00	23,955	2,194,108	2,554,537	195,515	176,250	177,232	159,322	169,748	171,512	177,020	-9.5	3.2	-2.4
Avoyelles	1.50	42,715	2,416,627	2,369,982	171,019	179,918	233,245	214,888	221,709	225,549	171,260	0.1	-24.1	8.6
Beauregard	1.00	31,207	1,604,703	1,883,358	160,663	132,381	169,225	402,939	165,987	182,788	174,041	8.3	-4.8	28.3
Bienville	2.00	16,288	949,710	1,139,334	54,706	62,516	76,389	61,386	85,353	66,666	70,778	29.4	6.2	35.6
Bogalusa(d)	1.00		1,044,648	1,062,504	93,843	84,466	82,976	91,901	93,122	99,424				
Bossier	1.50	88,370	7,808,210	8,099,098	563,024	601,207	789,428	727,802	783,421	776,453	736,126	30.7	-5.2	15.9
Caddo	1.00	261,817	20,908,284	20,377,832	1,461,574	1,618,295	1,889,779	1,926,285	1,897,667	1,748,015	1,817,726	24.4	4.0	10.5
Calcasieu	1.00	176,760	16,676,090	15,649,795	1,319,102	1,141,537	1,320,631	1,252,409	1,394,048	1,279,163	1,338,442	1.5	4.6	-0.5
Caldwell	1.00	10,947	393,867	458,563	29,523	38,555	44,550	43,733	41,409	43,716	49,942	69.2	14.2	24.3
Catahoula	2.50	12,326	601,578	539,326	39,990	41,724								
Claiborne	1.00	18,367	945,214	998,430	91,355	86,201	100,851	74,342	75,172	85,902	70,460	-22.9	-18.0	27.8
Concordia	1.00	23,577	1,174,100	1,318,936	105,623	132,425	130,420	127,840	141,487	125,169	115,595	9.4	-7.6	23.7
Desoto	1.00	26,970	2,248,558	2,316,845	156,819	148,638	206,213	233,361	155,933	156,282	230,917	47.3	47.8	18.3
E Baton Rouge	1.00	389,503	31,483,141	33,402,316	2,978,455	2,681,533	3,060,021							
E Carroll	1.00	11,671	424,202	431,488	38,698	31,973	36,849	32,640	45,416					
E Feliciana	3.00	19,937	1,756,534	1,696,485	81,078	125,368	144,112	134,988	146,623	129,509	167,019	106.0	29.0	12.5
Evangeline	1.00	34,367	1,497,032	1,409,550	87,674	107,713	142,486	123,049	161,934	127,265	122,885	40.2	-3.4	10.2
Franklin	1.50	24,509	1,300,003	1,398,650	95,100	132,279	107,730	133,618	160,412	127,039	125,577	32.0	-1.2	11.6
Grant	1.00	17,621	403,988	419,365	34,973	32,581	43,179	36,424	38,828	44,571				
Iberia	1.75	69,257	7,896,933	6,136,540	506,134	698,000	551,579	532,095	558,168	737,219	660,260	30.5	-10.4	5.4
Iberville	1.00	32,981	4,120,443	3,659,191	300,349	352,826	463,445	304,002	297,806	316,976	315,996	5.2	-0.3	11.0
Jackson	1.00	17,309	1,550,007	2,005,433	103,529	144,702	174,013	161,772	196,016	408,902	179,846	73.7	-56.0	19.1
Jeff Davis	1.00	33,017	2,653,582	2,285,297	142,636	185,361	237,856	241,711	238,848	242,410	177,144	24.2	-26.9	11.3
Jefferson	1.50	476,915	57,843,301	60,202,296	5,029,168	5,149,437	5,165,348	5,576,608	5,476,973	5,734,327	5,761,945	14.6	0.5	10.4
Lafayette	1.00	169,964	20,473,743	17,269,850	1,336,186	1,481,626	1,677,541	1,557,488	1,627,118	1,700,421	1,555,697	16.4	-8.5	6.8
Lafourche	1.00	88,349	6,051,343	5,812,429	459,784	463,098	461,861	536,968	555,548	438,739	494,469	7.5	12.7	5.9
Lasalle	1.00	17,697	952,044	923,437	58,658	74,909	74,291	94,990	80,232	72,220	70,966	21.0	-1.7	
Lincoln	1.00	41,847	2,092,881	2,164,791	222,620	205,498	193,831	211,046	187,065	185,292	203,024	-8.8	9.6	8.2
Livingston	2.00	66,451	5,182,668	6,099,619	536,264	440,075	529,409	481,551	558,701	603,602	557,401	3.9	-7.7	16.0
Madison	1.50	15,894	767,000	737,000	55,000	59,000	67,000	66,000	78,607	67,000	71,000	29.1	6.0	9.6
Monroe	0.50		1,676,255	1,864,523	161,956	136,043	175,608	163,959	168,095	187,777	162,393	0.3	-13.5	13.2
Morehouse	1.00	35,183	1,384,330	1,588,401	126,106	112,341	136,037	114,364	130,030	136,998				
Natchitoches	1.00	40,805	1,941,821	2,135,267	137,423	153,710	201,491	181,786	233,584	187,443	207,931	51.3	10.9	17.6
Orleans	1.50	567,062	29,214,591	50,755,719	4,330,316	4,773,180	4,521,917	5,234,175	5,144,820	4,448,716	5,829,525	34.6	31.0	15.1
Ouachita	0.50	142,300	2,734,960	3,042,118	264,244	221,965	286,518	267,512	274,162	306,372	264,957	0.3	-13.5	13.2
Plaquemine	1.00	26,778	4,088,270	3,722,819	262,180	361,225	312,953	304,883	342,316	304,000	468,000	78.5	53.9	11.5
Pointe Coupee	1.00	25,091	3,299,338	2,014,763	86,845	103,910	121,842	97,362	759,464	165,480	88,821	2.3	-46.3	17.4
Red River	1.00	11,114	445,065	409,363	43,621	40,179	38,095	45,648	44,261	24,436	41,747	-4.3	70.8	16.6
Richland	1.50	22,785	1,448,594	1,442,195	99,186	109,605	135,677	124,252	137,852	122,739	135,302	36.4	10.2	6.3
Sabine	1.00	27,139	1,163,268	1,245,239	79,521	87,530	120,636	110,549	114,488	98,444	105,897	33.2	7.6	7.1
St Bernard	3.00	67,949	5,777,888	7,149,077	676,604	612,000	620,000							
St Charles	2.00	41,103	11,614,789	8,704,765	869,492	641,315	847,771	672,753	791,385	703,231	712,436	-18.1	1.3	-11.2
St Helena	2.00	10,186	295,928	340,395	16,156	24,982	37,009	30,006	36,554	32,541	29,240	81.0	-10.1	24.7
St James	2.00	21,970	4,349,277	7,785,230	423,172	778,005	559,806	629,145	363,479	471,627	445,607	5.3	-5.5	-1.3
St John	2.00	37,668	5,581,636	5,655,715	299,664	447,789	521,825	463,426	498,408	491,994	499,754	66.8	1.6	6.2
St Landry	1.00	87,800	5,384,586	4,434,974	302,669	346,468	426,803	396,035	427,522	326,551	364,011	20.3	11.5	1.3
St Martin	2.00	44,455	2,438,676	2,208,335	183,138	177,040	206,897	191,773	184,691	346,069	341,823	86.6	-1.2	19.4
St Mary	0.95	66,950	7,449,564	5,672,364	467,904	479,764	465,061	529,228	563,520	436,240				
St Tammany	2.00	128,130	13,191,017	15,457,926	1,027,815	1,216,688	1,470,564	1,489,548	1,492,810	1,350,985				
Tangipahoa	2.00	87,863	4,382,490	5,328,394	330,601	704,788	830,770	828,656	882,603	771,748				
Tensas	1.00	8,244	327,720	332,476	22,638	29,176	24,950	34,254	25,598	35,490	36,990	63.4	4.2	21.5
Terrebonne	0.75	102,038	8,523,265	6,705,498	475,276	546,152	599,974	561,570	612,303					
Union	1.00	21,734	772,960	804,599	49,975	60,454	73,539	65,847	68,078	63,544	76,383	52.8	20.2	10.8
Vermillion	1.00	52,445	5,379,878	4,103,319	385,316	318,272								
Vernon	1.00	61,275	1,665,527	1,904,793	169,841	174,843	171,074	173,008	146,846	160,697	200,264	17.9	24.6	9.0
Washington	2.00	45,765	1,606,628	1,594,133	98,336	130,997	128,283	145,340	151,856	145,014				
Webster	1.00	45,205	2,373,074	2,368,500	193,963	178,459	230,600	208,832	150,000	338,667	217,395	12.1	-35.8	11.6
W B Rouge	2.00	20,168	1,575,482	1,626,305	109,785	112,755	114,092	162,603	131,488	124,201	114,072	3.9	-8.2	41.8
W Carroll	1.00	13,267	523,215	508,132	37,739	41,500	49,060	43,950	46,543	45,141	42,410	12.4	-6.0	5.7
W Feliciana	2.00	13,269	4,525,156	3,841,992	222,382	205,723	207,564	1,114,137	375,160					
Winn	1.25	17,575	838,646	926,884	62,342	75,932	95,802	77,387	90,660	72,054	102,586	64.6	42.4	17.3
Total			354,954,710	373,286,963	29,543,517	31,228,573	33,324,110	31,152,053	31,209,565	29,131,544	27,011,087	na	na	na

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Categories	Rate	Pop	1982	1983	Aug 83	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Abbeville	1.00	12,478	1,079,918	1,008,261	81,274	83,625	84,611	83,228	90,335	89,369	85,735	5.5	-4.1	0.1
Abita Springs	2.00	1,131	22,576	31,734	2,533	2,722	3,709	5,112	5,567	5,331	6,090	140.4	14.2	65.4
Albany	1.00	874	31,334	33,178	2,686	2,229	3,165	4,688	3,378	3,139				
Alexandria	1.00	52,371	4,611,151	5,076,408	392,264	392,309	465,307	443,801	480,072	439,577	448,964	14.5	2.1	12.9
Amite City	2.00	4,448	727,877	814,629	57,637	58,537	73,593	75,035	73,146	73,147	65,556	13.7	-10.4	10.6
Angie													**Non-Contributor**	
Arcadia	1.00	3,531	215,466	225,776	18,950	19,228	19,227	17,076	15,157	23,374	17,857	-5.8	-23.6	1.4
Arnaudville	2.00	1,734	139,026	174,464	12,332	14,045	14,195	15,247	13,667	15,889	16,102	30.6	1.3	3.0
Baker	2.00	13,496	1,226,799	1,445,313	114,799	103,954	135,247	142,796	142,999	139,128	145,129	26.4	4.3	16.3
Basile	2.00	2,720	108,029	101,577	7,017	7,425	11,291	7,721	8,647	9,203	7,017	0.0	-23.8	0.8
Bastrop	1.00	15,279	1,070,427	1,363,734	97,811	96,995	109,539	92,350	107,279	102,920	98,632	0.8	-4.2	17.1
Benton	1.00	2,062				7,489	6,653	5,098	5,112	6,283	9,210		46.6	
Bernice	1.00	2,082	74,469	82,907	8,328	6,310	7,710	6,191	6,708	8,838	6,975	-16.2	-21.1	-0.5
Bogalusa	3.00	16,941	2,374,118	2,835,620	216,139	249,989	254,248	239,360	255,618	225,107	254,792	17.9	13.2	7.8
Bonita	1.00	507	15,535	13,427	1,022	1,081	1,098	1,299	1,070	1,514				
Bossier City	1.50	53,032	4,528,941	6,174,986	563,757	463,331	596,784	592,097	622,275	596,447	584,027	3.6	-2.1	13.6
Breaux Bridge	1.00	6,412	460,724	472,275	36,471	34,783	43,600	39,309	44,713	42,105	40,000	9.7	-5.0	3.1
Broussard	1.00	3,264	438,941	330,131	17,294	29,764	32,341	28,095	29,453	27,196	25,738	48.8	-5.4	4.1
Bunkie	1.50	5,400	517,523	540,807	42,870	40,455	56,540	47,801	48,881	47,657	52,110	21.6	9.3	8.5
Campti													**Non-Contributor**	
Cankton	1.00	342	9,901	8,150	648	511	775	354	877	645	729	12.5	13.0	-1.5
Carencro	1.00	4,137	394,691	373,880	33,422	25,602	39,411	36,048	33,467	36,957	37,396	11.9	1.2	1.1
Church Point	1.00	4,692	234,859	217,157	14,344	17,111	17,990	17,417	21,282	18,016	18,421	28.4	2.2	2.9
Colfax	2.00	1,697	74,130	147,517	14,184	12,472	16,894	13,046	12,172	13,805				
Columbia	1.00	689	73,665	101,181	7,244	10,331	4,298	10,502	12,194	11,109	9,501	31.2	-14.5	16.5
Cotton Valley	1.00	1,555	29,477	30,868	2,583	2,355	2,264	2,250	3,500	2,800	2,500	-3.2	-10.7	0.0
Cottonport	1.00	2,119	80,288	82,607	6,526	6,207	8,133	6,897	8,258	7,286	7,233	10.8	-0.7	12.2
Coushatta	1.00	2,187	226,775	211,851	16,403	16,222	19,739	16,533	19,201	21,463	18,373	12.0	-14.4	6.2
Covington	2.00	8,280	1,016,750	1,841,454	130,407	155,635	174,637	168,029	162,797	170,592				
Crowley	2.00	16,242	1,913,815	2,015,460	150,279	146,063	169,096	167,303	165,162	158,451	182,186	21.2	15.0	-0.7
Cullen	1.00	1,862	38,953	39,213	2,725	2,887	4,196	3,503	2,914	3,096	3,476	27.6	12.3	7.2
Delcambre	1.00	2,226	110,748	91,509	7,130	5,039	10,087	7,825	7,935	7,916	8,239	15.6	4.1	1.2
Delhi	0.50	3,321	100,868	119,077	7,820	8,119	8,599	10,017	9,191	9,420	9,982	27.6	6.0	-3.5
Delta	1.00	283	6,227	5,867	316	234	1,098	308	237	953	238	-24.7	-75.0	8.6
Denham Sprgs	1.00	8,963	1,061,102	1,168,402	100,643	95,676	112,901	107,947	108,752	117,395				
Dequincy	2.00	4,101	246,477	239,497	19,447	33,762	42,896	32,047	41,263	44,051	35,733	83.7	-18.9	68.6
DeRidder	1.00	11,191	826,009	875,705	69,198	67,534	77,699	81,326	76,779	80,708	84,384	21.9	4.6	15.4
Dixie Inn	1.00	506	56,930	58,227	5,302	4,067	4,782	4,713	4,991	5,423	4,849	-8.5	-10.6	0.1
Donaldsonville	2.00	8,070	461,681	659,418	57,962	65,646	66,969	66,906	68,693	57,715	67,450	16.4	16.9	49.5
Dubach	1.00	1,234	20,207	21,643	1,557									
Duson	2.00	1,355	106,251	178,173	14,311	16,831	11,509	14,862	14,239	17,606	14,999	4.8	-14.8	16.0
Elizabeth	1.00	458	6,395	14,282	1,059	1,209	1,318	1,130	1,402	1,029	992	-6.3	-3.6	27.2
Elton	1.00	1,441	48,926	37,996	2,924	3,133	3,780	4,052	3,668	3,356				
Erath	1.00	2,345	135,031	125,231	8,524	8,993	10,491	10,336	11,153	9,692	9,291	9.0	-4.1	5.7
Estherwood	2.00	728	11,288	12,903	804	860	1,417	1,229	1,465	706	717	-10.8	1.6	-8.8
Eunice	2.00	12,624	1,963,046	1,838,133	151,628	145,273	165,830	165,357	161,230	159,043				
E Baton Rouge	2.00	389,503	60,092,719	63,310,820	5,365,017	5,118,504	5,920,577	5,786,358	5,923,789	6,619,070	5,755,152	7.3	-13.1	12.1
Farmerville	1.00	3,779	267,599	291,989	22,166	20,928	24,689	24,791	24,795	24,566	24,751	11.7	0.8	7.0
Ferriday	1.00	4,463	366,149	366,154	31,714	29,566	31,683	31,078	31,063	36,475	32,183	1.5	-11.8	5.5
Florien													**Non-Contributor**	
Folsom	1.00	350	40,270	36,137	2,958	3,089	5,899	3,762						
Franklinton	1.00	4,196	391,405	433,598	31,726	30,665	37,255	36,991	38,031	36,632	36,461	14.9	-0.5	12.2
Gibsland	1.00	1,354				1,602	2,072	1,097	2,905	1,287	2,379		84.8	
Gilbert	1.00	804	13,685	18,559	1,781	1,695	1,527	1,905	1,562	2,036				
Glenmora	1.00	1,490	44,118	46,616	3,903	3,185	4,022	3,862	3,780	3,279	3,427	-12.2	4.5	4.8

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Categories	Rate	Pop	1982	1983	Aug 83	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Percent Change		
												Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
												Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
G Meadow	1.00	2,320	**140,180**	**122,433**	8,055	9,924	9,214	9,107	11,820					
Gonzales	1.00	7,517	**1,114,383**	**1,193,461**	103,073	99,307	121,320	111,480	121,433	112,842	**112,568**	**9.2**	**-0.2**	**14.2**
Grambling	1.00	4,226	**0**	**45,022**	2,949	5,162	4,714	4,874	4,591	3,628				
Gramercy	1.00	3,477	**188,322**	**191,186**	14,532	13,805	15,384	16,652	18,513	18,234	**15,087**	**3.8**	**-17.3**	**3.0**
Grand Coteau	1.00	1,160	**29,407**	**31,224**	2,322	2,809	3,400	3,847	3,742	2,673	**2,361**	**1.7**	**-11.7**	17.0
Greensburg	1.00	683	**44,138**	**47,189**	6,158	4,425	3,474	3,455	7,393	4,121	**2,757**	**-55.2**	**-33.1**	**12.6**
Gueydan	1.00	1,702	**5,835**	**90,713**	7,013	7,166	8,713	8,555	7,249	9,107	**7,249**	**3.4**	**-20.4**	
Hall Summit	1.00	284	**4,810**	**6,944**	409	391	315	349	382	342				
Hammond	2.00	15,792	**2,413,593**	**4,201,935**	350,373	320,282	383,404	440,972	440,672	390,783	**365,734**	**4.4**	**-6.4**	**18.0**
Haughton	1.00	1,670	**34,481**	**37,799**	4,695	4,142	3,253	3,778	5,034	4,852				
Haynesville	1.00	3,569	**202,986**	**172,479**	9,864	12,778	14,669	14,294	15,929	12,705				
Henderson	1.00	1,750	**66,902**	**64,701**	5,541	3,953	4,216	4,069	7,089	17,425				
Homer	1.00	4,478	**328,256**	**286,627**	21,088	23,045	26,010	25,767	24,641					
Iberville	1.00	32,981	**4,122,393**	**3,658,666**	300,336	352,710	463,428	304,008	297,828	316,802	**316,019**	**5.2**	**-0.2**	**11.0**
Independence	2.50	1,747	**119,951**	**144,630**	10,595	9,255	14,565	13,507	16,490	12,330				
Iota	1.00	1,334	**58,279**	**47,536**	3,491	3,594	4,496	4,070	4,300	4,312	**4,460**	**27.8**	**3.4**	**-4.9**
Iowa	1.00	2,586	**99,853**	**110,343**	9,966	9,482	12,257	9,675	8,617	9,563	**8,927**	**-10.4**	**-6.7**	**2.6**
Jeanerette	1.25	6,964	**374,155**	**348,126**	24,120	32,100	27,900	29,280	28,485	27,405	**30,681**	**27.2**	**12.0**	**1.9**
Jefferson	1.50	476,915	**57,352,206**	**59,756,242**	4,990,467	5,111,081	5,124,435	5,533,526	5,425,100	5,674,871	**5,703,838**	**14.3**	**0.5**	**10.4**
Jennings	1.00	12,511	**1,155,993**	**1,005,584**	71,418	74,238	91,164	90,778	78,430	95,103	**83,084**	**16.3**	**-12.6**	**0.1**
Jonesboro	2.00	5,096	**653,776**	**681,523**	54,662	57,237	61,136	57,528	59,821	60,007				
Kaplan	1.00	5,109	**300,563**	**295,983**	23,285	21,929	26,767	24,234	26,265	30,180	**24,813**	**6.6**	**-17.8**	**4.7**
Kentwood	2.00	2,748	**194,690**	**193,845**	15,899	14,430	18,755	16,301	16,919	18,455	**27,440**	**72.6**	**48.7**	**10.4**
Kinder	1.00	2,583	**72,034**	**188,701**	15,354	16,266	16,418	15,449	16,812	18,046	**17,220**	**12.2**	**-4.6**	**8.9**
Krotz Springs	1.00	1,472	**54,663**	**52,789**	3,479	3,562	3,367	7,286	7,544	5,399	**4,482**	**28.8**	**-17.0**	**69.5**
Lafayette	1.00	90,147	**14,263,840**	**12,901,705**	1,019,159	1,044,120	1,135,538	1,130,886	1,198,323	1,163,731	**1,154,460**	**13.3**	**-0.8**	**3.5**
Lafourche	0.50	88,349	**2,176,690**	**2,085,909**	169,465	170,391	161,942	192,133	211,447	146,212	**183,748**	**8.4**	**25.7**	**8.1**
Lake Arthur	2.00	3,634	**166,618**	**271,409**	23,862	19,689	26,615	21,903	24,128	26,169	**20,709**	**-13.2**	**-20.9**	**7.6**
Lake Charles	1.00	75,955	**7,119,302**	**7,278,335**	560,040	523,223	607,467	604,148	677,641	630,329	**626,389**	**11.8**	**-0.6**	**6.8**
L Providence	1.00	6,361	**174,803**	**226,928**	25,776	16,690	18,044	17,372	18,723	21,513	**17,800**	**-30.9**	**-17.3**	**-0.3**
Leesville	1.00	9,107	**761,176**	**1,086,472**	146,791	87,058	79,998	79,998	81,196	82,603	**81,889**	**-44.2**	**-0.9**	**3.9**
Livingston	1.00	66,451	**53,514**	**65,955**	4,670	4,482	6,412	4,537	5,215	6,147	**6,521**	**39.6**	**6.1**	**9.4**
Lockport	1.00	2,510	**138,405**	**156,748**	11,136	9,833	13,160	11,299	11,863					
Logansport	1.00	1,689	**112,860**	**107,316**	8,804	9,865	8,346	7,978	7,925	8,358	**8,291**	**-5.8**	**-0.8**	**-9.3**
Loreauville	1.00	967	**48,547**	**39,773**	3,054	3,571	3,961	3,620	3,837	3,788	**3,720**	**21.8**	**-1.8**	**1.7**
Lutcher	1.00	5,034	**122,692**	**120,847**	9,093	10,275	11,246	10,762	10,136	11,038	**9,923**	**9.1**	**-10.1**	**6.2**
Madisonville	1.00	797	**0**	**40,168**	3,840	2,314	3,337	4,649	6,354	6,591	**4,276**	**11.4**	**-35.1**	
Mamou	1.00	3,219	**137,084**	**139,394**	7,713	10,847	15,968	14,099	15,127	13,824	**14,278**	**85.1**	**3.3**	**37.4**
Mandeville	1.00	6,806	**482,016**	**730,924**	71,494	63,682	69,829	77,907	78,546	83,961	**95,204**	**33.2**	**13.4**	**44.9**
Mangham	1.00	893	**29,879**	**29,945**	2,339	3,263	2,532	2,459	2,824	2,584	**2,556**	**9.3**	**-1.1**	**12.6**
Mansfield	1.00	6,514	**537,877**	**520,997**	49,051	35,028	50,250	50,898	40,790	45,469	**43,803**	**-10.7**	**-3.7**	**2.3**
Many	1.00	4,087	**417,268**	**439,539**	34,059	34,824	43,473	40,495	40,415	42,682	**39,319**	**15.4**	**-7.9**	**11.9**
Marksville	1.50	5,406	**545,935**	**551,372**	45,500	43,992	46,700	46,488	49,801	47,017	**41,693**	**-8.4**	**-11.3**	**3.5**
Maurice	1.00	536	**34,142**	**36,392**	1,994	3,033	3,276	3,052	3,160	3,500	**3,030**	**52.0**	**-13.4**	**9.6**
Melville	1.00	1,767	**42,070**	**49,469**	3,735	3,598	4,719	3,831	4,170	3,975	**4,260**	**14.1**	**7.2**	**18.0**
Mer Rouge	1.00	795	**61,176**	**57,256**	4,351	4,139	5,295	5,872	6,626	5,268	**4,896**	**12.5**	**-7.1**	**13.6**
Mermentau	1.00	773	**10,367**	**30,598**	1,203	680	1,180	930	680	919	**1,526**	**26.8**	**66.1**	**163.7**
Merryville	1.00	1,320	**10,276**	**35,486**	3,030	2,618	2,172	2,796	1,968	2,291				
Minden	1.00	14,974	**1,000,004**	**1,042,468**	74,464	76,744	98,452	90,756	95,267	97,162	**94,563**	**27.0**	**-2.7**	**10.9**
Monroe	2.50	58,520	**6,818,656**	**11,737,497**	1,091,209	906,123	1,193,676	1,084,167	1,123,791	1,213,607	**1,082,313**	**-0.8**	**-10.8**	**41.4**
Moreauville	1.00	1,002	**32,836**	**32,657**	2,681	2,691	3,232	3,715	2,577	2,520	**2,553**	**-4.8**	**1.3**	**3.6**
Morgan City	0.30	16,205	**695,592**	**570,729**	36,511	44,440	44,239	42,362	46,970	46,028				
Morse	1.00	858	**23,774**	**19,703**	1,572	1,398	1,711	1,827	1,824	1,357	**2,326**	**48.0**	**71.4**	**6.0**
Napoleonville	1.00	835	**64,428**	**68,400**	4,208	4,210	6,900	5,681	4,779	7,123	**4,958**	**17.8**	**-30.4**	**2.3**
Natchitoches	2.00	17,200	**2,413,001**	**2,577,179**	230,575	208,906	247,326	218,779	224,674	252,942	**231,035**	**0.2**	**-8.7**	**9.7**
New Iberia	1.75	33,500	**4,822,597**	**4,032,129**	306,121	297,783	375,221	342,968	351,783	352,527	**357,692**	**16.8**	**1.5**	**1.1**
New Llano	1.00	2,352	**52,448**	**60,405**	6,486	10,872	7,780	6,115	6,234	6,785	**5,076**	**-21.7**	**-25.2**	**26.8**
New Orleans	3.50	567,062	**100,521,751**	**119,506,769**	9,700,650	11,167,949	10,112,720	11,709,501	12,087,080	10,124,293	**13,602,403**	**40.2**	**34.4**	**14.2**
New Roads	1.00	5,152	**292,460**	**345,446**	36,491	38,604	38,931	38,627	36,702	38,434	**36,568**	**0.2**	**-4.9**	**54.4**
Oak Grove	1.00	2,215	**239,793**	**244,243**	19,612	18,683	23,193	20,852	20,344	24,981	**21,620**	**10.2**	**-13.5**	**5.4**
Oakdale	1.00	7,316	**342,333**	**340,258**	25,778	25,162	29,028	28,204	28,591	27,509	**26,553**	**3.0**	**-3.5**	**4.2**
Oberlin	1.00	1,776	**60,965**	**67,251**	7,298	3,969	7,955	5,615	4,401	5,197	**5,834**	**-20.1**	**12.3**	**2.7**
Oil City	1.00	1,510	**102,852**	**98,734**	6,807	9,848	11,642	11,660	11,803	14,141	**10,115**	**48.6**	**-28.5**	**36.9**
Opelousas	2.00	19,308	**2,952,306**	**2,916,910**	228,664	221,528	251,326	250,714	248,212	253,639	**240,713**	**5.3**	**-5.1**	**5.2**
Pearl River	1.00	1,819	**70,254**	**69,583**	4,764	5,292	4,352	5,669	4,438	5,510				

Collections For Indicated Month Based On Sales For Preceding Month

Louisiana Local Sales Tax Collections - Cities & Towns

												Percent Change		
												Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Categories	Rate	Pop	1982	1983	Aug 83	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Pine Prairie	2.00	775	33,624	39,184	3,819	3,311	3,348	4,453	4,349	3,853	3,783	-0.9	-1.8	21.2
Pineville	1.00	12,382	722,684	774,482	55,666	64,522	67,624	73,506	69,960	69,506	72,256	29.8	4.0	13.0
Plain Dealing	1.00	1,215	68,044	81,171	6,178	5,950	7,642	6,583	7,671					
Plaquemine	1.00	26,778	4,366,988	3,722,819	262,180	361,225	312,953	304,883	342,316	304,000	468,000	78.5	53.9	11.3
Plaucheville	1.00	196	12,027	9,977	866	688	692	736	840	744	808	-6.7	8.6	-13.4
Pleasant Hill	1.00	860	17,876	14,283	709	993	1,386	1,385						
Pollock	1.00	459	11,015	14,474	1,333	1,058	1,334	1,023	1,069	1,174				
Ponchatoula	2.00	5,559	499,239	766,559	58,792	59,863	63,335	66,026	67,853	66,038	63,392	7.8	-4.0	8.0
Port Allen	1.00	6,183	333,254	335,693	28,005	23,655	24,271	28,274	25,788	26,138	30,260	8.1	15.8	-5.0
Port Barre	1.00	2,849	109,974	88,229	6,265	5,369	7,797	7,717	10,423	3,977	9,661	54.2	142.9	-4.4
Rayne	2.00	9,136	872,013	806,501	56,967	56,747	76,996	59,958	63,382	68,204	62,078	9.0	-9.0	0.0
Rayville	1.50	4,790	469,528	499,609	37,699	35,168	44,708	42,877	46,332	49,049	43,321	14.9	-11.7	4.5
Richmond	1.00	513	20,654	21,322	1,638	1,579	1,999	2,084	3,681	2,060	3,007	83.6	46.0	32.2
Ringold	1.00	1,728	69,232	64,197	2,146									
Roseland	2.00	1,327	39,251	59,365	5,325	5,588	5,421	5,797	5,698	5,856	6,109	14.7	4.3	13.1
Rosepine	1.00	1,001	16,930	19,199	1,201	1,459	1,376	4,641	3,944	1,178	1,801	50.0	52.9	25.4
Ruston	0.50	21,747	780,298	843,297	82,012	77,720	73,182	76,482	72,340	69,539	76,110	-7.2	9.4	7.2
Sarepta	1.00	846	16,258	17,059	2,906	918	788	1,006	1,194	934	1,451	-50.1	55.4	-10.2
Scott	2.00	3,731	293,422	292,385	27,682	26,049	28,343	48,278	52,784	53,941	54,982	98.6	1.9	45.7
Shreveport	2.00	207,579	26,088,616	26,216,545	1,899,359	2,643,716	3,164,897	3,054,780	3,187,820	2,946,890	3,070,042	61.6	4.2	28.4
Sibley	1.00	1,227	10,770	9,971	944	696	1,027	755	1,131					
Simmesport	1.00	2,313	20,647	87,813	6,937	6,656	8,147	7,486	8,877	7 418	7,262	4.7	-2.1	20.9
Slidell	1.00	27,246	2,404,696	2,518,014	186,398	207.573	243,075	245,914	244,672	238,699	245,474	31.7	2.8	16.8
Sorrento	0.00	1,369	25,941	28,428	2,609	2,356	2,203	3,097	2,847	2,383	2,482	-4.9	4.2	9.4
Springfield	1.00	459	21,258	26,665	2,132	1,807	2,592	2,440	2,837	2,358	2,647	24.2	12.3	15.2
Springhill	1.00	6,536	493,754	511,062	34,946	39,006	47,419	41,175	46,497	60,711	46,902	34.2	-22.7	13.5
St Charles CC	1.00	41,103	3,441,316	3,252,145	360,690	314,552	420,577	329,939	393,092	349,481	354,607	-1.7	1.5	26.9
St Francisville	1.00	1,553	176,806	217,609	15,185	17,150	20,021	18,286						
St James	1.00	21,970	1,847,386	3,573,199	187,716	364,914	252,918	280,300	153,091	206,542	187,796	0.0	-9.1	-2.5
St Martinville	1.00	8,331	407,486	381,453	30,841	28,807	35,426	32,025	31,216	37,991	30,952	0.4	-18.5	0.3
St Mary	1.75	66,950	13,779,469	10,448,389	861,668	883,718	856,876	856,876						
St Mary	0.30	66,950		146,385	23,972	36,296	34,859	33,781	48,245	27,355				
St Mary	0.30	66,950		91,251		32,253	32,383	33,635	33,803	26,988				
Sterlington	1.50	1,437	0	4,161		4,127	5,102	4,905	6,027					
Sulphur	2.00	20,470	2,792,089	2,770,534	235,095	208,116	237,367	243,336	244,682	226,388	252,346	7.3	11.5	2.2
Sun	1.00	404	5,200	10,946	362	734	528	487	2,623	1,503				
Sunset	1.00	2,476	101,763	96,337	11,868	6,354	9,258	7,685	7,091	7,212	6,441	-45.7	-10.7	-6.6
Tallulah	1.00	11,381	295,620	296,284	25,267	21,091	25,361	26,203	26,137	31,103				
Tangipahoa	1.00	87,863	17,356	17,386	1,297	1,191	2,139	1,482	1,727	2,019	1,639	26.4	-18.8	-1.9
Terrebonne	1.25	102,038	14,205,443	11,176,505	792,127	910,253	999,957	935,949	1,020,505					
Thibodaux	2.00	16,219	2,655,441	2,652,765	189,696	196,582	228,406	222,313	217,615	219,856	220,405	16.2	0.2	2.7
Tickfaw	2.00	611	23,904			846	1,469	1,271	2,056	2,056	3,235		57.3	
Vidalia	1.00	6,062	362,305	375,897	33,180	28,535	34,381	30,717	28,638	33,189	34,395	3.7	3.6	-4.1
Parks	2.00	na	53,505	60,937	5,253	3,682	3,794	6,542	3,456	4,348	4,341	-17.4	-0.2	-12.1
Ville Platte	2.00	9,260	530,420	537,110	38,532	42,127	76,184	84,927	89,427	96,360	89,802	133.1	-6.8	44.8
Vinton	2.00	3,742	241,200	249,321	17,311	19,014	23,731	25,050	24,973	20,483	24,129	39.4	17.8	12.2
Vivian	1.00	4,315	293,515	316,868	23,587	25,149	28,602	26,780	32,024	28,685	28,159	19.4	-1.8	9.9
Walker	1.00	3,306	102,902	163,759	10,607	9,058	33,789	11,887	8,441	6,207	10,023	-5.5	61.5	4.6
Washington	1.00	1,319	48,642	47,617	3,863	5,367	3,463	2,789	3,766	3,417	4,163	7.8	21.8	-0.7
Welsh	1.00	3,582	201,291	174,659	12,552	15,372	18,384	13,504	19,315	15,793	19,218	53.1	21.7	10.4
W Ascensn(c)	0.50	54,618	355,415	342,371	28,452	27,472	38,411	32,430	35,223	39,031	29,062	2.1	-25.5	16.4
W B Rouge	1.00	20,168	1,625,430	1,585,171	109,789	112,752	114,092	162,603	121,488	124,202	114,072	3.9	-8.2	34.2
W Monroe	1.50	15,107	2,371,683	2,819,041	238,948	202,059	265,242	248,197	257,643	283,629	269,277	12.7	-5.1	15.0
Westlake	2.00	5,525	603,994	611,502	45,722	43,965	57,594	49,979	47,554	48,241	51,520	12.7	6.8	0.6
Winnsboro	1.00	6,033	558,502	560,795	44,166	39,736	51,988	47,248	50,632	52,107	46,674	5.7	-10.4	6.5
Wisner	1.00	1,430	65,661	68,956	5,746	5,640	6,159	5,922	6,225	6,162	6,333	10.2	2.8	9.1
Youngsville	2.00	1,050	121,282	146,225	11,468	9,615	12,196	10,603	13,080	11,573	13,120	14.4	13.4	8.0
Zachary	2.00	7,746	998,209	1,095,375	80,308	87,413	91,846	105,696	105,446	110,206	106,108	32.1	-3.7	12.3
Hodge													Non-Contributor	
Mooringsport		911				554	1,200	1,521	1,823	1,423	2,038		43.2	
Total			391,298,953	421,612,736	34,233,015	36,377,379	38,380,367	39,628,973	39,697,834	37,226,488	39,233,954	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Collections For Indicated Month Based On Sales For Preceding Month

Economic Indicators: NEW ORLEANS METROPOLITAN AREA

Categories		Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Per Cent Change – Latest Month – Same Month Prior Year	Per Cent Change – Latest Month – Prior Month	Per Cent Change – Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12-Months
EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS										
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		530.0	533.3	537.0	545.4	542.6	**544.4**	1.9	0.3	1.[illegible]
Total Employed (000)		487.5	491.4	493.6	498.3	495.5	**497.0**	3.7	0.3	3.4
Total Unemployed (000)		42.5	41.9	43.4	47.1	47.1	**47.4**	-14.3	0.6	-14.[illegible]
Unemployment Rate		8.0	7.9	8.1	8.6	8.7	**8.7**	-16.3	0.0	-15.[illegible]
Average Weekly Manufacturing Earnings	$	397.17	396.68	403.12	392.70	391.53	**378.27**	10.9	-3.4	8.[illegible]
Average Weekly Manufacturing Hours		41.2	41.8	42.3	42.0	42.1	**40.5**	7.3	-3.8	4.[illegible]
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Number					54,058	58,584	**62,413**		6.5	
Benefits Paid	$				8,205,180	8,892,700	**9,365,447**		5.3	
Federal Employees										
Number					369	410	**470**		14.6	
Benefits Paid	$				42,000	50,594	**61,646**		21.8	
Ex-Servicemen										
Number					286	362	**387**		6.9	
Benefits Paid	$				42,840	53,402	**57,062**		6.9	

Categories		Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84			
CONSTRUCTION										
Highway Construction Contracts ($ Mil)	$	295.30	309.29	268.66	271.13	261.96	**308.19**	-11.4	17.6	
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)										
Residential	$	42.3	53.3	62.1	60.2	34.7	**61.6**	3.9	84.4	19.[illegible]
Nonresidential	$	34.0	58.2	39.7	66.9	30.8	**24.7**	49.8	28.1	35.[illegible]
Number Of Construction Contracts		939	1,033	1,687	1,118	635	**1,298**	33.3	104.4	35.[illegible]
WELFARE ACTIVITY										
Aid To Dependent Children										
Amount Paid	$	4,253,399	4,270,376	4,282,307	4,511,970	4,503,879	**4,418,757**		-1.9	
Persons		71,607	71,974	72,190	76,033	75,934	**74,648**		-1.7	
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value	$	7,154,884	7,250,310	7,212,202	7,129,034	7,161,098	**7,236,717**		1.1	
Recipients		150,254	151,921	151,757	150,838	151,062	**152,461**		0.9	
Medicaid Information										
Payments	$	11,505,345	9,415,666	12,676,289	16,415,470	11,936,414	**14,353,710**		20.3	
Claims		45,092	44,510	53,656	53,971	45,882	**52,229**		13.8	
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY										
Beer Sales Information										
Cases Sold		1,245,894	1,212,565	1,264,810	1,578,421					
Taxes Collected	$	137,047	133,382	139,130	173,626					
Attendance Of Conventions & Meetings		46,415	64,203	61,853	55,079	50,170	**42,534**	16.6	-15.2	-3.[illegible]
Newspaper Advertising Linage										
Telephone Lines (000)		778.3	780.8	782.2	783.9	786.4	**787.4**		0.1	
Total Mortgage Loans Closed ($ Mil)	$	116.5	120.3	149.6	124.7	144.2	**157.6**	[illegible]	9.3	63.[illegible]
PORT ACTIVITY (000 Tons)										
Breakbulk Cargo										
Imports		264.8	202.4	254.2	174.1	256.3	**304.9**	78.2	19.0	81.[illegible]
Exports		70.7	38.6	23.7	59.1	42.9	**57.4**	-14.6	33.8	-28.[illegible]
Container Cargo										
Imports		87.7	64.6	93.5	69.7	81.1	**94.0**	34.3	15.9	34.[illegible]
Exports		123.4	80.8	124.3	74.4	104.6	**120.3**	6.3	15.0	25.[illegible]
Ro-Ro Cargo										
Imports		27.0	20.0	26.2	17.9	18.3	**19.7**	47.0	7.7	28.[illegible]
Exports		42.9	43.4	33.0	37.0	33.7	**38.7**	8.4	14.8	2.[illegible]
Lash & Seabee Cargo										
Imports		33.9	[illegible]	13.0	37.8	16.3	**18.3**	-16.1	12.3	12.[illegible]
Exports		10.7	11.2	12.7	5.9	12.4	**6.3**	-74.7	-49.2	-43.[illegible]
Grain Exports		807.4	908.0	996.0	864.8	688.7	**892.2**	16.6	29.5	28.[illegible]
Bulk Terminal Cargo										
Imports		122.3	141.3	168.1	97.9	49.4	**88.3**	46.7	78.7	34.[illegible]
Exports		2.6	12.6	6.5	7.1	62.0	**18.0**	95.7	-71.0	-11.[illegible]
Vessel Arrivals		279	361	352	395	318	**347**	3.6	9.1	-4.[illegible]
Grain Deliveries (Mil Bushels)		27.9	33.5	33.5	29.7	23.5	**30.4**	8.2	29.4	27.[illegible]
Coffee Imports (000 Bags)		168.4	248.0	366.8	259.6	147.1	**420.1**	122.5	185.6	-4.[illegible]
Sugar Imports (000 Long Tons)		112.9	80.6		63.6					
Duty Collected ($ Mil)	$	16	14	17	15	17	**17**	29.3	4.2	28.[illegible]
Import Cars Loaded		231	383	247	303	188	**335**	33.5	78.2	-5.[illegible]

Economic Indicators: NEW ORLEANS METROPOLITAN AREA

Categories		Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Per Cent Change Latest Month Same Month Prior Year	Per Cent Change Latest Month Prior Month	Per Cent Change Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12-Months
AIRPORT ACTIVITY										
Cargo (Tons)		175	208	166	196	192	**182**	**7.7**	**-5.2**	**22.3**
Flight Arrivals		4,815	5,636	5,651	6,028	5,965	**6,093**	**16.9**	**2.1**	**2.8**
Passengers (000)										
Enplaned		209.3	272.3	261.4	303.4	324.6	**313.2**	**22.7**	**-3.5**	**6.3**
Deplaned		219.0	267.3	262.1	302.0	316.4	**312.9**	**25.6**	**-1.1**	**7.5**
Mail (Tons)										
Enplaned		608.5	594.5	595.4	606.1	638.2	**586.8**	**13.5**	**-8.1**	**13.6**
Deplaned		608.5	673.3	618.9	664.8	597.0	**556.1**	**-1.3**	**-6.9**	**-5.1**
Freight (Tons)										
Enplaned		1038.7	1136.9	1030.8	1328.7	1317.9	**1171.4**	**13.7**	**-11.1**	**18.8**
Deplaned		1594.1	1568.8	1459.4	1778.4	1620.0	**1463.1**	**1.6**	**-9.7**	
Express (Tons)										
Enplaned		9.9	11.9	13.0	15.2	12.4	**11.4**	**23.9**	**-8.1**	**5.5**
Deplaned		23.7	27.3	32.2	44.1	24.1	**18.9**	**-1.0**	**-21.6**	**-4.1**
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births		568								
Deaths		575								
REVENUE COLLECTIONS										
Retail Sales Tax - State	$	14,170,909	16,086,317	17,376,073	17,074,782	18,272,857	**19,193,541**	**14.7**	**5.0**	**7.7**
Severence Tax	$	7,517,936	5,004,655	3,663,067	6,363,129	4,408,315	**6,804,965**	**91.8**	**54.4**	**10.3**
Hotel/Motel Room Occupancy										
LA Stadium & Exposition District	$	624,723	638,892	746,598	937,085	893,596	**1,116,785**	**30.0**	**25.0**	**6.7**
New Orleans Exhibition Hall	$	261,008	250,556	306,544	395,800	366,257	**478,459**	**41.3**	**30.6**	**10.2**

New Cars & Trucks Sales — New Orleans Area

	Sep 83	Oct 83	Nov 83	Dec 83	Jan 84	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Percent Change Latest Month Same Month Prior Year	Percent Change Latest Month Prior Month	Percent Change Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
NEW CAR SALES															
Buick	295	348	327	314	362	360	275	385	401	498	354	**474**	**9.0**	**33.9**	
Cadillac	131	117	135	164	130	127	107	138	169	148	113	**147**	**-0.7**	**30.1**	
Chevrolet	384	429	476	494	444	433	519	429	499	547	453	**479**	**-12.4**	**5.7**	
Chrylser	65	82	58	45	53	54	55	52	91	79	55	**101**	**44.3**	**83.6**	
Datsun	277	198	186	317	282	265	222	234	254	292	340	**384**	**16.7**	**12.9**	
Dodge	132	120	132	145	151	127	127	131	155	161	126	**140**	**-16.7**	**11.1**	
Ford	724	608	420	506	454	629	551	608	597	675	558	**661**	**13.4**	**18.5**	
Honda	114	122	105	164	124	121	111	179	160	144	142	**222**	**66.9**	**56.3**	
Lincoln	86	101	117	61	66	48	68	87	71	81	91	**114**	**25.3**	**25.3**	
Mazda	80	62	69	53	62	76	60	59	92	66	65	**81**	**-19.8**	**24.6**	
Mercury	141	139	163	156	145	204	168	168	220	234	208	**234**	**19.4**	**12.5**	
Oldsmobile	366	483	504	451	459	492	507	479	589	599	472	**483**	**-21.2**	**2.3**	
Plymouth	43	52	52	47	83	46	62	41	59	75	52	**64**	**23.1**	**23.1**	
Pontiac	152	205	192	185	284	221	307	262	345	281	290	**302**	**48.0**	**4.1**	
Renault	39	54	42	52	37	29	35	32	36	42	43	**79**	**5.3**	**83.7**	
Toyota	222	242	261	254	276	275	193	162	180	301	301	**322**	**-4.7**	**7.0**	
Volkswagen	41	32	29	28	50	31	31	22	44	35	55	**44**	**33.3**	**-20.0**	
Volvo	33	36	30	37	31	41	59	40	43	66	51	**35**	**-12.5**	**-31.4**	
Other	219	181	171	208	262	162	190	183	255	244	166	**153**	**-28.5**	**-7.8**	
Total Car Sales	3,544	3,611	3,469	3,681	3,755	3,741	3,647	3,691	4,260	4,568	3,935	**4,519**	**3.4**	**14.8**	
NEW TRUCK SALES															
Chevrolet	296	337	319	395	331	344	358	410	416	466	374	**357**	**-19.0**	**-4.5**	
Datsun	58	43	16	62	54	108	89	61	96	91	84	**50**	**-30.6**	**-40.5**	
Dodge	111	104	110	126	126	154	146	147	182	204	158	**147**	**3.5**	**-7.0**	
Ford	499	514	493	482	471	465	533	565	574	636	485	**539**	**-3.6**	**11.1**	
GMC	48	49	41	34	43	47	43	45	69	69	49	**74**	**42.3**	**51.0**	
Mazda	26	14	17	29	29	32	32	19	35	28	22	**26**	**-25.7**	**18.2**	
Toyota	131	73	67	114	156	216	131	142	183	231	178	**187**	**31.7**	**5.1**	
Other	63	76	95	100	102	88	107	159	146	160	118	**164**	**124.7**	**39.0**	
Total Truck Sales	1,232	1,210	1,158	1,342	1,312	1,454	1,439	1,548	1,701	1,885	1,468	**1,544**	**1.8**	**5.2**	

Economic Indicators: BATON ROUGE METROPOLITAN AREA

								Per Cent Change		
								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12-Months
Categories		Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	**Aug 84**	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS										
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		241.2	243.6	244.3	249.7	250.1	**251.0**	**4.2**	**0.4**	**3.4**
Total Employed (000)		223.7	226.1	226.4	229.1	229.3	**230.3**	**6.2**	**0.4**	**5.6**
Total Unemployed (000)		17.5	17.5	17.9	20.6	20.8	**20.7**	**-13.4**	**-0.5**	**-15.4**
Unemployment Rate		7.2	7.2	7.3	8.3	8.3	**8.3**	**-16.2**	**0.0**	**-18.0**
Average Weekly Manufacturing Earnings	$	501.50	506.33	513.11	516.47	521.26	**509.58**	**5.3**	**-2.2**	**4.5**
Average Weekly Manufacturing Hours		42.9	43.8	43.3	44.6	42.5	**44.1**	**2.8**	**3.8**	**3.4**
State Unemployment Benefits										
Number					22,245	24,878	**26,197**		**5.3**	
Benefits Paid	$				3,440,800	3,869,476	**4,116,338**		**6.4**	
Federal Employees										
Number					28	34	**41**		**20.6**	
Benefits Paid	$				3,251	4,122	**5,287**		**28.3**	
Ex-Servicemen										
Number					106	120	**92**		**-23.3**	
Benefits Paid	$				15.983	18,025	**13,522**		**-25.0**	
Categories		**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**			
CONSTRUCTION										
Highway Construction Contracts ($ Mil)	$	32.34	33.54	29.17	29.91	32.74	**32.96**	**-10.6**	**0.7**	
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)										
Residential	$	21.6	50.8	25.8	34.0	30.9	**23.6**	**45.3**	**11.0**	**82.5**
Nonresidential	$	38.8	32.2	15.9	14.6	34.1	**13.0**	**37.7**	**-47.5**	**1.6**
Number Of Construction Contracts		494	991	544	550	486	**719**	**11.1**	**47.9**	**21.0**
WELFARE ACTIVITY										
Aid To Dependent Children										
Amount Paid	$	1,076,980	1,092,354	1,109,447	1,182,375	1,191,040	**1,167,848**		**-1.9**	
Persons		18,384	18,642	18,938	20,047	20,269	**19,995**		**-1.4**	
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value	$	2,517,518	2,611,453	2,612,980	2,579,183	2,600,494	**2,640,599**		**1.5**	
Recipients		53,539	55,105	55,334	55,076	55,473	**56,200**		**1.3**	
Medicaid Information										
Claims		14,048	13,486	14,697	16,604	14,129	**16,223**		**14.8**	
Payments	$	3,738,745	3,400,109	3,881,838	4,772,282	4,051,573	**4,370,773**		**7.9**	
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY										
Beer Sales Information										
Cases Sold		412,833	439,897	471,835	580,884					
Taxes Collected	$	45,412	48,388	51,901	63,896					
Airline Cargo (Tons)										
Inbound		83.1	90.3	90.2	96.7	106.0	**96.0**	**-2.8**	**-9.4**	**8.6**
Outbound		37.1	37.7	45.2	52.1	42.0	**40.0**	**1.0**	**-4.8**	**19.6**
Airline Passenger Boardings (000)		22.5	27.3	26.3	28.0	29.0	**28.0**	**3.7**	**-3.4**	**9.9**
Classified Advertisement Lineage (000)		1270.1	1449.9	1506.6	1499.3	1434.4	**1530.5**	**6.8**	**6.7**	**16.2**
Classified Advertisement Count (000)		101.9	111.3	110.9	116.2	115.9	**117.6**	**9.0**	**1.5**	**11.1**
Telephone Lines (000)		239.6	240.5	241.2	240.3	241.1	**241.9**		**0.3**	
Total Mortgage Loans Closed ($ Mil)	$	20.8	26.5	15.9	31.9	29.1	**27.7**	**7.8**	**-4.8**	**100.2**
BATON ROUGE PORT ACTIVITY										
Net Tonnage Summary By Facility										
Cargo Docks		51,056	47,461	31,143	68,617	51,088	**31,942**	**-18.8**	**-37.5**	
Barge Terminal		19,276	11,105	12,195	15,090	13,763	**30,290**	**155.3**	**120.1**	
Molasses Terminal		21,207	15,290	5,894	21,496	0	**18,881**			
Petroleum Terminal		159,634	84,493	159,276	156,817	40,697	**82,567**	**-79.0**	**102.9**	
MS Bulk Facility		29,043	85,471	20,031	20,730	22,730	**141,538**	**42.0**	**522.7**	
Total		280,216	244,450	228,539	282,750	128,278	**303,005**	**-44.4**	**136.2**	
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births										
Deaths										
REVENUE COLLECTIONS										
Retail Sales Tax - State	$	5,995,880	6,220,230	7,223,560	7,884,042	7,161,856	**7,807,683**	**14.4**	**9.0**	**11.6**
Severence Tax	$	4,647,317	3,597,960	3,962,386	4,161,678	3,878,709	**4,155,555**	**87.6**	**7.1**	**21.5**

Source: Available on Request

Economic Indicators: LAFAYETTE METROPOLITAN AREA

Categories		Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	**Aug 84**	Per Cent Change Latest Month Same Month Prior Year	 **Prior Month**	 Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12-Months
EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS										
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		96.4	96.3	96.5	98.5	98.2	**97.4**	1.7	-0.8	-0.2
Total Employed (000)		90.6	90.7	90.8	92.4	92.4	**91.7**	4.9	-0.8	0.1
Total Unemployed (000)		5.8	5.6	5.7	6.1	5.8	**5.7**	-32.1	-1.7	-11.5
Unemployment Rate		6.1	5.8	5.9	6.1	5.9	**5.9**	-32.2	0.0	-10.9
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Number					5,852	5,977	**5,744**		[illegible]	
Benefits Paid	$				859,006	866,295	**831,507**		-4.0	
Federal Employees										
Number					4	25	**16**		-36.0	
Benefits Paid	$				820	4,163	**2,782**		-33.2	
Ex-Servicemen										
Number					26	25	**20**		-20.0	
Benefits Paid	$				4,233	4,076	**3,221**		-21.0	

Categories		Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84			
CONSTRUCTION										
Highway Construction Contracts ($ Mil)	$	14.11	20.10	19.76	19.76	15.05	**15.24**	10.9	1.3	
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)										
Residential	$	8.4	10.3	22.6	17.4	23.6	**20.2**	-63.9	-40.1	-8.1
Nonresidential	$	13.8	2.5	8.3	13.3	2.2	**8.5**	-61.2	50.0	-26.3
Number Of Construction Contracts		173	134	418	412	340	**99**	-82.9	-70.9	0.2
WELFARE ACTIVITY										
Aid To Dependent Children										
Amount Paid	$	203,454	208,861	210,893	219,325	222,798	**217,228**		-2.5	
Persons		3,758	3,870	3,902	4,025	4,029	**4,038**		0.2	
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value	$	562,023	578,425	577,999	551,505	578,270	**568,890**		-1.6	
Recipients		12,391	12,802	12,911	12,524	12,931	**12,792**		-1.1	
Medicaid Information										
Claims		4,198	4,089	4,467	4,782	4,325	**4,843**		12.0	
Payments	$	1,118,084	1,162,978	1,407,915	1,527,363	1,417,226	**1,480,452**		4.5	
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY										
Beer Sales Information										
Cases Sold		177,919	174,936	187,402	241,014					
Taxes Collected	$	19,571	19,243	20,614	26,512					
Airline Cargo (Tons)		17	17	24	23	12	**19**	-29.6	58.3	-28.0
Airline Passenger Boardings (000)		8.0	9.0	9.0	10.0	10.0	**10.0**	11.1	0.0	-7.4
Telephone Lines (000)		157.8	158.1	158.2	183.4	183.8	**184.0**		0.1	
Total Mortgage Loans Closed ($ Mil)	$	6.4	5.1	5.8	5.2	3.6	**4.7**	-29.9	30.6	-57.1
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births										
Deaths										
REVENUE COLLECTIONS										
Retail Sales Tax - State	$	3,033,640	3,088,381	3,426,147	3,272,722	3,626,842	**3,690,740**	2.3	1.8	0.0
Severence Tax	$	559,342	588,735	510,163	507,170	548,810	**467,011**	67.8	-14.9	19.1

Source: Available on Request

New Cars & Trucks Sales - Baton Rouge Area

	Sep 83	Oct 83	Nov 83	Dec 83	Jan 84	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Percent Change		
													Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
													Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
NEW CAR SALES															
Buick	110	135	105	122	130	117	116	104	151	150	110	**198**	0.5	80.0	
Cadillac	73	53	59	58	82	49	37	76	42	54	50	**69**	9.5	38.0	
Chevrolet	184	205	237	201	254	214	227	213	280	292	216	**293**	34.4	35.6	
Chrysler	69	41	52	40	37	41	34	32	45	76	59	**86**	48.3	45.8	
Datsun	164	129	124	136	144	133	98	92	99	173	158	**211**	25.6	33.5	
Dodge	36	33	27	28	22	50	22	28	63	76	19	**58**	56.8	205.3	
Ford	204	164	202	243	228	184	214	215	197	348	180	**259**	9.3	43.9	
Honda	38	95	55	52	75	75	61	93	78	89	62	**140**	137.3	125.8	
Lincoln	46	32	11	22	12	21	35	21	25	37	40	**29**	-9.4	-27.5	
Mazda	28	33	17	24	11	17	17	17	23	37	29	**19**	-20.8	-34.5	
Mercury	60	51	49	51	57	83	67	80	63	150	96	**111**	70.8	15.6	
Oldsmobile	208	207	166	183	187	203	186	190	183	252	161	**187**	-33.7	16.1	
Plymouth	32	17	29	14	14	23	34	25	30	36	24	**35**	12.9	45.8	
Pontiac	153	162	168	119	141	148	144	153	141	207	98	**166**	-9.8	69.4	
Renault	13	13	12	8	13	13	10	2	0	2	0	**0**			
Toyota	287	246	294	265	298	273	192	163	145	279	279	**400**	21.2	43.4	
Volkswagen	18	11	8	12	21	13	22	22	21	19	11	**18**	20.0	63.6	
Volvo	49	41	40	47	48	54	69	64	49	57	39	**44**	-47.6	12.8	
Other	110	114	72	80	92	103	79	81	109	107	64	**81**	-36.7	26.6	
Total Car Sales	1,882	1,782	1,727	1,705	1,866	1,814	1,664	1,671	1,744	2,441	1,695	**2,404**	8.2	41.8	
NEW TRUCK SALES															
Chevrolet	184	191	202	159	212	174	229	247	190	279	161	**266**	30.4	65.2	
Datsun	32	35	25	21	35	117	86	37	66	111	68	**61**	-1.6	-10.3	
Dodge	128	82	88	89	104	102	141	130	137	169	88	**159**	33.6	80.7	
Ford	266	210	243	270	277	230	254	300	224	388	238	**302**	-1.0	26.9	
GMC	22	39	35	27	30	35	26	38	56	69	40	**36**	-5.3	-10.0	
Mazda	18	34	24	35	32	34	20	24	31	27	18	**34**	9.7	88.9	
Toyota	282	283	173	186	341	307	227	201	276	409	243	**391**	33.4	60.9	
Other	40	44	44	60	62	47	37	50	71	92	45	**48**	-14.3	6.7	
Total Truck Sales	972	918	834	847	1,093	1,046	1,020	1,027	1,051	1,544	901	**1,297**	17.1	44.0	

New Cars & Trucks Sales - Lafayette Area

	Sep 83	Oct 83	Nov 83	Dec 83	Jan 84	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Percent Change		
													Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
													Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
NEW CAR SALES															
Buick	58	39	56	38	37	58	56	48	64	46	40	**68**	36.0	70.0	
Cadillac	36	26	37	22	28	37	19	29	38	35	29	**34**	17.2	17.2	
Chevrolet	71	67	80	77	84	85	104	109	115	85	85	**85**	-7.6	0.0	
Chrysler	23	24	16	22	27	27	31	13	20	30	23	**28**	47.4	21.7	
Datsun	66	63	41	56	66	62	42	44	50	77	79	**64**	-16.9	-19.0	
Dodge	16	13	20	11	15	18	18	24	18	22	17	**30**	30.4	76.5	
Ford	40	85	80	29	143	73	101	72	132	93	88	**77**	6.9	-12.5	
Honda	22	19	19	24	21	36	19	34	39	36	24	**37**	85.0	54.2	
Lincoln	26	14	13	18	7	13	22	20	14	22	31	**13**	-35.0	-58.1	
Mazda	22	31	31	16	16	25	22	18	17	34	14	**26**	-25.7	85.7	
Mercury	26	22	19	25	28	30	31	25	34	34	31	**43**	95.5	38.7	
Oldsmobile	56	71	71	56	52	51	59	72	57	57	65	**67**	1.5	3.1	
Plymouth	7	6	30	12	13	25	10	4	12	13	9	**6**	-25.0	-33.3	
Pontiac	43	43	39	42	59	42	63	69	61	65	60	**64**	82.9	6.7	
Renault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**14**			
Toyota	23	32	24	16	26	26	23	23	27	31	28	**41**	64.0	46.4	
Volkswagen	11	4	14	13	13	20	1	25	30	17	15	**9**	-10.0	-40.0	
Volvo	12	10	11	14	12	9	20	23	18	16	14	**12**	-20.0	-14.3	
Other	45	28	40	48	33	51	21	62	75	46	47	**45**	9.8	-4.3	
Total Car Sales	603	597	641	539	680	688	662	714	821	759	699	**763**	15.8	9.2	
NEW TRUCK SALES															
Chevrolet	91	126	101	93	92	90	115	123	146	104	119	**113**	24.2	-5.0	
Datsun	22	19	7	19	16	42	16	27	30	24	21	**16**	-30.4	-23.8	
Dodge	23	34	33	29	46	50	44	61	51	60	52	**45**	87.5	-13.5	
Ford	84	90	92	46	135	112	83	86	105	121	96	**81**	6.6	-15.6	
GMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**			
Mazda	15	18	16	17	13	29	22	10	32	47	31	**34**	100.0	9.7	
Toyota	22	13	7	6	11	15	19	18	23	20	24	**29**	262.5	20.8	
Other	4	1	11	4	10	13	21	19	9	21	17	**19**	216.7	11.8	
Total Truck Sales	261	301	267	214	323	351	320	344	396	397	360	**337**	37.6	-6.4	

Economic Indicators: LAKE CHARLES METROPOLITAN AREA

								Per Cent Change		
								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12-Months
Categories		Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	**Aug 84**	Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS										
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		75.9	75.7	75.4	76.9	76.3	**76.0**	**-3.7**	**-0.4**	**-1.2**
Total Employed (000)		65.5	65.7	65.3	66.4	65.9	**66.0**	**-2.2**	**0.2**	**-0.7**
Total Unemployed (000)		10.4	10.0	10.1	10.5	10.4	**10.0**	**-12.3**	**-3.8**	**-4.0**
Unemployment Rate		13.7	13.2	13.4	13.7	13.6	**13.2**	**-8.3**	**-2.9**	**-2.8**
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Number					12,639	13,729	**11,613**		**-15.4**	
Benefits Paid	$				2,000,135	2,136,986	**1,786,237**		**-16.4**	
Federal Employees										
Number					21	17	**20**		**17.6**	
Benefits Paid	$				3,756	2,616	**3,251**		**24.3**	
Ex-Servicemen										
Number					84	89	**65**		**-27.0**	
Benefits Paid	$				13,446	13,427	**9,370**		**-30.2**	

Categories		**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**			
CONSTRUCTION										
Highway Construction Contracts ($ Mil)	$	12.28	10.64	8.76	17.27	17.08	**17.08**	**84.4**	**0.0**	
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)										
Residential	$	2.4	3.7	4.6	2.6	2.9	**5.6**	**-30.0**	**-3.4**	**-11.7**
Nonresidential	$	4.9	3.4	11.5	2.0	1.7	**1.3**	**130.8**	**76.5**	**-86.5**
Number Of Construction Contracts		47	86	94	53	64	**44**	**-38.0**	**-31.3**	**-23.5**
WELFARE ACTIVITY										
Aid To Dependent Children										
Amount Paid	$	312,155	321,955	326,930	349,891	347,424	**347,689**		**0.1**	
Persons		5,648	5,820	5,896	6,215	6,202	**6,279**		**1.2**	
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value	$	921,561	992,393	1,018,337	979,806	1,010,103	**1,020,374**		**1.0**	
Recipients		20,114	21,238	21,765	21,271	21,706	**21,941**		**1.1**	
Medicaid Information										
Claims		5,008	5,257	5,452	6,094	5,258	**6,077**		**15.6**	
Payments	$	1,763,977	1,670,018	1,974,153	2,252,686	1,960,565	**2,247,618**		**14.6**	
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY										
Beer Sales Information										
Cases Sold		143,561	148,869	170,164	198,352					
Taxes Collected	$	15,791	16,376	18,718	21,819					
Airline Cargo (Tons)		8.0	7.0	5.0	5.0	7.0	**8.0**	**0.0**	**14.3**	**12.5**
Airline Passenger Boardings (000)		3.0	4.0	3.4	3.8	4.0	**3.7**	**23.3**	**-7.5**	**8.9**
Newspaper Advertising Lineage										
Telephone Lines (000)		117.7	117.8	118.0	92.8	92.7	**93.1**		**0.4**	
LAKE CHARLES PORT ACTIVITY										
Port Shipments (000 Tons)										
Imports				151.6	103.6	137.5	**102.8**		**-25.2**	
Exports				296.3	346.6	304.2	**224.7**		**-26.1**	
Private Facilities (000 Tons)										
Imports				654.3	808.6	639.4	**548.6**		**-14.2**	
Exports				419.7	519.9	651.5	**743.5**		**14.1**	
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births										
Deaths		24								
REVENUE COLLECTIONS										
Retail Sales Tax - State	$	1,585,443	1,676,471	1,927,083	1,984,993	2,345,348	**2,100,754**	**-6.5**	**-10.4**	**5.9**
Severence Tax	$	1,745,268	1,275,271	1,418,482	1,305,288	1,653,951	**1,610,111**	**74.7**	**-2.7**	**25.4**

Source: Available on Request

New Cars & Trucks Sales - Lake Charles Area

	Sep 83	Oct 83	Nov 83	Dec 83	Jan 84	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Percent Change Latest Month Same Month Prior Year	 Prior Month	 Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
NEW CAR SALES															
Buick	54	47	37	52	39	74	54	52	40	77	53	**32**	**-22.0**	**-39.6**	
Cadillac	15	5	10	16	14	13	8	6	17	11	11	**15**	**66.7**	**36.4**	
Chevrolet	86	78	78	95	84	59	97	109	104	90	89	**85**	**13.3**	**-4.5**	
Chrysler	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	3	**3**		**0.0**	
Datsun	46	50	40	44	58	46	32	41	43	51	58	**59**	**1.7**	**1.7**	
Dodge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	**0**			
Ford	46	63	41	51	49	71	76	74	99	83	65	**87**	**61.1**	**33.8**	
Honda	13	17	28	12	27	17	32	22	18	20	24	**27**	**50.0**	**12.5**	
Lincoln	26	18	12	7	3	7	13	16	16	19	8	**16**	**45.5**	**100.0**	
Mazda	9	13	4	5	3	6	6	5	3	5	5	**8**	**-11.1**	**60.0**	
Mercury	24	28	22	23	16	23	31	22	43	25	27	**29**	**123.1**	**7.4**	
Oldsmobile	89	80	63	65	46	53	64	65	85	69	57	**68**	**-5.6**	**19.3**	
Plymouth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	**0**			
Pontiac	62	67	68	42	73	70	87	58	71	95	48	**70**	**14.8**	**45.8**	
Renault	4	3	6	1	11	2	12	6	8	6	9	**5**	**150.0**	**-44.4**	
Toyota	20	11	23	15	15	14	9	17	17	11	23	**27**	**-12.9**	**17.4**	
Volkswagen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**			
Volvo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**			
Other	16	7	9	8	14	12	6	11	14	14	17	**16**	**100.0**	**-5.9**	
Total Car Sales	510	487	441	436	452	467	527	504	584	580	499	**547**	**18.4**	**9.6**	
NEW TRUCK SALES															
Chevrolet	86	93	90	78	95	94	101	97	90	89	82	**99**	**4.2**	**20.7**	
Datsun	19	22	12	12	15	44	36	17	23	32	22	**17**	**-26.1**	**-22.7**	
Dodge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	9	3	**3**		**0.0**	
Ford	76	91	74	119	89	83	89	100	121	88	80	**82**	**-9.9**	**2.5**	
GMC	41	90	71	52	52	49	64	62	86	87	59	**83**	**36.1**	**40.7**	
Mazda	4	4	3	6	2	5	10	2	4	6	3	**8**	**33.3**	**166.7**	
Toyota	8	8	5	9	7	11	10	11	11	14	20	**22**	**57.1**	**10.0**	
Other	18	15	9	16	23	13	10	14	41	24	16	**25**	**127.3**	**56.3**	
Total Truck Sales	252	323	264	292	283	299	320	304	384	349	285	**339**	**12.6**	**18.9**	

New Cars & Trucks Sales - Alexandria Area

	Sep 83	Oct 83	Nov 83	Dec 83	Jan 84	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84			
NEW CAR SALES															
Buick	38	32	38	25	29	24	39	44	27	51	27	**48**	**11.6**	**77.8**	
Cadillac	10	7	8	14	8	7	15	7	10	15	11	**5**	**-50.0**	**-54.5**	
Chevrolet	35	49	43	44	72	52	55	71	58	55	54	**48**	**17.1**	**-11.1**	
Chrysler	6	5	4	3	3	9	3	6	7	14	9	**9**	**-10.0**	**0.0**	
Datsun	33	23	25	20	22	22	17	15	18	29	16	**26**	**0.0**	**62.5**	
Dodge	5	5	7	5	11	7	9	9	8	9	4	**7**	**0.0**	**75.0**	
Ford	39	59	51	50	56	65	54	36	59	62	54	**59**	**5.4**	**9.3**	
Honda	14	16	27	15	26	28	26	25	18	23	16	**25**	**8.7**	**56.3**	
Lincoln	13	7	10	7	8	3	8	5	12	19	9	**12**	**20.0**	**33.3**	
Mazda	18	17	13	9	12	11	8	11	15	11	13	**15**	**25.0**	**15.4**	
Mercury	13	12	25	11	14	14	28	30	42	43	15	**23**	**228.6**	**53.3**	
Oldsmobile	74	64	98	57	81	75	93	59	80	73	54	**44**	**-65.9**	**-18.5**	
Plymouth	9	5	4	12	3	8	5	4	9	6	1	**7**	**-50.0**	**600.0**	
Pontiac	39	43	34	28	33	36	36	32	34	54	32	**40**	**14.3**	**25.0**	
Renault	0	2	0	2	1	8	8	6	3	7	10	**5**	**0.0**	**-50.0**	
Toyota	11	18	9	12	13	19	6	15	11	8	12	**14**	**-46.2**	**16.7**	
Volkswagen	3	1	5	3	2	2	1	1	4	5	3	**3**		**0.0**	
Volvo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**			
Other	11	32	12	9	9	21	10	14	20	13	19	**19**	**-29.6**	**0.0**	
Total Car Sales	371	397	413	326	403	411	421	390	435	497	359	**409**	**-15.0**	**13.9**	
NEW TRUCK SALES															
Chevrolet	46	66	66	72	48	52	53	70	42	83	53	**54**	**14.9**	**1.9**	
Datsun	8	12	4	7	10	18	8	13	13	22	13	**7**	**-36.4**	**-46.2**	
Dodge	16	17	17	16	34	34	31	30	14	65	20	**25**	**-7.4**	**25.0**	
Ford	75	109	77	114	85	94	87	81	98	115	104	**94**	**14.6**	**-9.6**	
GMC	14	16	19	18	15	8	13	14	24	12	14	**14**	**-6.7**	**0.0**	
Mazda	7	16	15	9	8	12	18	2	16	8	15	**8**	**-60.0**	**-46.7**	
Toyota	7	8	6	5	17	11	9	14	15	8	12	**7**	**-50.0**	**-41.7**	
Other	14	22	17	21	14	14	18	22	29	32	24	**21**	**61.5**	**-12.5**	
Total Truck Sales	187	266	221	262	231	243	237	246	251	345	255	**230**	**0.4**	**-9.8**	

Economic Indicators: ALEXANDRIA METROPOLITAN AREA

								Per Cent Change		
								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12-Months
Categories		Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	**Aug 84**	Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS										
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		76.8	77.3	77.4	78.8	78.1	**79.4**	1.9	1.7	2.1
Total Employed (000)		69.6	70.3	70.4	71.5	70.9	**72.0**	3.9	1.6	4.
Total Unemployed (000)		7.2	7.0	7.0	7.3	7.2	**7.4**	14.0	2.8	-18.
Unemployment Rate		9.4	9.2	9.1	9.3	9.2	**9.3**	-16.2	1.1	-19.
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Number					5,281	5,424	**5,564**		2.6	
Benefits Paid	$				694,821	707,781	**683,631**		-3.4	
Federal Employees										
Number					83	118	**112**		-5.1	
Benefits Paid	$				7,736	11,551	**12,199**		5.6	
Ex-Servicemen										
Number					97	105	**131**		24.8	
Benefits Paid	$				13,159	14,732	**19,284**		30.9	
Categories		Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84			
CONSTRUCTION										
Highway Construction Contracts ($ Mil)	$	69.17	69.17	69.73	69.36	67.57	**67.97**	10.3	0.6	
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)										
Residential	$	3.7	5.0	4.2	5.4	4.1	**6.8**	41.2	-2.4	2.
Nonresidential	$	4.3	0.9	1.5	1.6	3.0	**.2**	1250.0	-18.8	-19.
Number Of Construction Contracts		59	73	70	109	62	**63**	-47.1	1.6	9.1
WELFARE ACTIVITY										
Aid To Dependent Children										
Amount Paid	$	28,218	27,638	27,895	31,383	30,852	**32,112**		4.1	
Persons		515	517	516	569	563	**608**		8.0	
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value	$	877,871	898,611	891,936	835,945	860,574	**852,838**		-0.9	
Recipients		20,101	20,558	20,623	19,946	20,046	**19,990**		-0.3	
Medicaid Information										
Claims		8,762	8,348	8,668	9,563	8,658	**9,512**		9.9	
Payments	$	5,832,864	5,369,530	5,583,988	6,112,777	5,786,933	**5,858,245**		1.2	
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY										
Beer Sales Information										
Cases Sold		103,459	103,258	118,343	142,250					
Taxes Collected	$	11,380	11,358	13,018	15,647					
Airline Cargo (Tons)		10	5	4	3	5	**4**	[illegible]	-20.0	-56.5
Airline Passenger Boardings (000)		3.3	3.7	3.7	3.8	4.0	**3.3**	-38.9	-17.5	12.0
Telephone Lines (000)		98.5	98.5	98.6	98.8	99.0	**99.1**		0.1	
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births		89								
Deaths		31								
REVENUE COLLECTIONS										
Retail Sales Tax - State	$	1,001,870	1,035,275	1,196,609	1,272,591	1,288,415	**1,334,988**	1.2	3.6	6.
Severence Tax	$	186,577	82,629	261,700	170,830	191,400	**184,018**	3.4	-3.9	-18.

Source: Available on Request

Economic Indicators: SHREVEPORT METROPOLITAN AREA

Categories		Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Per Cent Change Latest Month Same Month Prior Year	Per Cent Change Latest Month Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12-Months
EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS										
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		169.5	170.5	172.2	176.1	172.8	**171.1**	**-0.7**	**-1.0**	**1.3**
Total Employed (000)		156.0	157.8	159.9	162.9	159.8	**158.3**	**2.0**	**-0.9**	**4.6**
Total Unemployed (000)		13.5	12.7	12.3	13.2	13.0	**12.8**	**-31.2**	**-1.5**	**-24.0**
Unemployment Rate		8.0	7.4	7.1	7.5	7.5	**7.5**	**-30.6**	**0.0**	**-24.9**
Average Weekly Manufacturing Earnings	$	410.31	410.98	402.41	397.58	381.44	**402.37**	**6.9**	**5.5**	**10.3**
Average Weekly Manufacturing Hours		42.3	42.5	41.4	41.2	39.9	**41.1**	**3.5**	**3.0**	**3.5**
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Number					12,567	14,207	**12,135**		**-14.6**	
Benefits Paid	$				1,628,404	1,835,376	**1,546,245**		**-15.8**	
Federal Employees										
Number					67	73	**53**		**-27.4**	
Benefits Paid	$				8,084	8,537	**5,902**		**-30.9**	
Ex-Servicemen										
Number					155	190	**218**		**14.7**	
Benefits Paid	$				22,547	27,462	**32,338**		**17.8**	
Categories		**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**			
CONSTRUCTION										
Highway Construction Contracts ($ Mil)	$	94.71	94.83	94.92	94.50	96.34	**96.48**	**23.5**	**0.1**	
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)										
Residential	$	30.9	18.7	12.4	19.4	11.5	**22.5**	**-42.2**	**13.0**	**90.3**
Nonresidential	$	6.1	6.8	6.2	15.7	17.9	**5.5**	**7.3**	**-67.0**	**-16.8**
Number Of Construction Contracts		887	531	248	504	204	**367**	**-49.2**	**79.9**	**79.5**
WELFARE ACTIVITY										
Aid To Dependent Children										
Amount Paid	$	760,592	768,722	777,332	811,262	794,525	**775,137**		**-2.4**	
Persons		16,133	16,290	16,463	16,984	16,657	**16,458**		**-1.2**	
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value	$	2,257,167	2,309,604	2,295,915	2,209,390	2,228,025	**2,213,998**		**-0.6**	
Recipients		50,846	51,723	51,680	50,405	50,501	**50,199**		**-0.6**	
Medicaid Information										
Claims		12,684	12,859	12,643	14,124	12,271	**13,699**		**11.6**	
Payments	$	4,592,087	4,342,024	4,276,775	4,908,055	4,461,684	**4,652,118**		**4.3**	
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY										
Beer Sales Information										
Cases Sold		336,441	320,275	382,523	457,915					
Taxes Collected	$	37,009	35,230	42,077	50,371					
Airline Cargo (Tons)		828	982	812	968	940	**897**	**30.4**	**-4.6**	**28.7**
Airline Passenger Boardings (000)		24.0	27.0	27.0	30.0	30.0	**29.0**	**-14.7**	**-3.3**	**-14.3**
Telephone Lines (000)		189.2	189.8	190.5	191.2	191.6	**192.2**		**0.3**	
Total Mortgage Loans Closed ($ Mil)		1.4	10.1	8.1	4.2	10.5	**2.8**	**-55.6**	**-73.3**	**-17.0**
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births										
Deaths										
REVENUE COLLECTIONS										
Retail Sales Tax - State	$	3,904,949	3,973,289	4,723,394	4,744,621	6,338,216	**5,453,361**	**16.6**	**-14.0**	**8.2**
Severence Tax	$	2,637,660	2,553,540	2,443,250	2,705,025	1,863,854	**3,096,634**	**21.7**	**66.1**	**-14.5**

Source: Available on Request

New Cars & Trucks Sales — Shreveport Area

	Sep 83	Oct 83	Nov 83	Dec 83	Jan 84	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Percent Change		
													Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
													Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
NEW CAR SALES															
Buick	76	105	82	64	105	74	76	112	117	112	104	**164**	**37.8**	**57.7**	
Cadillac	58	47	34	53	47	49	43	42	46	42	40	**57**	**46.2**	**42.5**	
Chevrolet	137	162	161	144	191	162	222	174	183	207	195	**180**	**1.7**	**-7.7**	
Chrysler	37	29	25	24	30	31	39	40	43	50	37	**49**	**-9.3**	**32.4**	
Datsun	42	24	41	33	54	40	32	34	30	45	47	**49**	**-12.5**	**4.3**	
Dodge	39	20	27	24	25	25	22	33	34	36	26	**26**	**-7.1**	**0.0**	
Ford	131	404	220	149	226	203	146	166	137	231	142	**131**	**-10.9**	**-7.7**	
Honda	26	16	27	23	37	40	32	48	29	33	16	**43**	**4.9**	**168.8**	
Lincoln	27	34	35	14	49	76	95	33	52	40	28	**44**	**-6.4**	**57.1**	
Mazda	28	25	19	21	15	18	24	21	15	15	28	**14**	**-48.1**	**-50.0**	
Mercury	46	103	110	56	91	90	96	82	110	88	70	**87**	**19.2**	**24.3**	
Oldsmobile	200	175	155	175	194	237	231	162	244	225	171	**163**	**-15.5**	**-4.7**	
Plymouth	9	15	12	14	14	15	20	21	27	26	23	**19**	**18.8**	**-17.4**	
Pontiac	86	121	123	77	109	83	108	89	116	139	91	**128**	**37.6**	**40.7**	
Renault	21	15	9	24	12	29	16	16	20	23	22	**18**	**-21.7**	**-18.2**	
Toyota	44	60	42	51	48	37	15	34	43	35	47	**66**	**3.1**	**40.4**	
Volkswagen	6	5	6	15	8	6	10	15	12	8	6	**6**	**-50.0**	**0.0**	
Volvo	8	5	5	4	5	12	8	3	6	6	16	**6**	**-50.0**	**-62.5**	
Other	49	47	38	43	62	43	44	62	57	51	43	**30**	**-50.8**	**-30.2**	
Total Car Sales	1,070	1,412	1,171	1,008	1,322	1,270	1,279	1,187	1,321	1,412	1,152	**1,280**	**-0.2**	**11.1**	
NEW TRUCK SALES															
Chevrolet	141	163	154	149	160	123	139	180	213	178	143	**153**	**-10.0**	**7.0**	
Datsun	13	11	10	13	7	35	14	11	20	19	16	**8**	**-52.9**	**-50.0**	
Dodge	44	44	46	55	49	60	65	71	49	76	76	**56**	**7.7**	**-26.3**	
Ford	113	143	189	149	161	183	210	198	210	216	160	**189**	**30.3**	**18.1**	
GMC	18	22	25	22	30	29	21	29	26	29	30	**24**	**0.0**	**-20.0**	
Mazda	8	5	9	18	14	24	19	19	14	19	20	**16**	**23.1**	**-20.0**	
Toyota	24	11	16	16	19	21	7	22	28	31	21	**27**	**58.8**	**28.6**	
Other	52	42	38	43	57	53	94	53	61	76	45	**65**	**35.4**	**44.4**	
Total Truck Sales	413	441	487	465	497	528	569	583	621	644	511	**538**	**10.7**	**5.3**	

New Cars & Trucks Sales — Monroe Area

	Sep 83	Oct 83	Nov 83	Dec 83	Jan 84	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84			
NEW CAR SALES															
Buick	45	62	49	56	50	51	41	61	63	49	40	**64**	**-19.0**	**60.0**	
Cadillac	13	19	11	25	30	12	15	22	23	16	27	**20**	**0.0**	**-25.9**	
Chevrolet	47	47	45	43	71	55	50	45	63	53	36	**45**	**-25.0**	**25.0**	
Chrysler	8	6	7	14	7	4	7	9	24	21	14	**15**	**25.0**	**7.1**	
Datsun	21	39	14	20	31	15	13	21	19	19	20	**19**	**-36.7**	**-5.0**	
Dodge	4	5	7	10	8	14	12	9	16	16	17	**12**	**300.0**	**-29.4**	
Ford	37	53	69	46	46	62	66	62	73	61	60	**54**	**35.0**	**-10.0**	
Honda	18	25	24	21	24	27	22	35	29	30	35	**42**	**121.1**	**20.0**	
Lincoln	19	20	12	11	8	9	9	14	16	23	19	**12**	**-36.8**	**-36.8**	
Mazda	35	23	16	22	16	23	12	22	19	22	18	**17**	**-37.0**	**-5.6**	
Mercury	26	24	30	16	25	37	16	26	44	34	33	**50**	**47.1**	**51.5**	
Oldsmobile	93	87	77	97	72	76	110	95	65	92	72	**67**	**-14.1**	**-6.9**	
Plymouth	0	3	4	1	3	2	7	1	10	5	6	**7**	**250.0**	**16.7**	
Pontiac	20	31	27	21	35	20	27	34	43	56	43	**45**	**125.0**	**4.7**	
Renault	3	4	1	5	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	**2**	**-60.0**		
Toyota	21	19	30	15	18	11	18	18	14	31	27	**30**	**20.0**	**11.1**	
Volkswagen	1	0	0	2	5	3	3	3	8	10	5	**4**	**0.0**	**-20.0**	
Volvo	5	9	10	8	6	5	10	9	13	15	5	**13**	**62.5**	**160.0**	
Other	7	9	6	13	28	24	13	19	28	18	13	**17**	**88.9**	**30.8**	
Total Car Sales	423	485	439	446	483	452	452	508	570	571	490	**535**	**8.3**	**9.2**	
NEW TRUCK SALES															
Chevrolet	52	75	57	59	71	64	54	57	83	68	71	**60**	**-15.5**	**-15.5**	
Datsun	18	13	3	10	7	18	17	15	11	14	7	**5**	**-70.6**	**-28.6**	
Dodge	3	16	5	16	17	12	16	20	28	24	29	**19**	**216.7**	**-34.5**	
Ford	63	61	97	64	64	58	87	90	96	104	106	**84**	**71.4**	**-20.8**	
GMC	25	27	33	54	29	37	36	29	45	38	21	**46**	**35.3**	**119.0**	
Mazda	23	14	22	13	31	41	12	27	26	30	15	**27**	**-12.9**	**80.0**	
Toyota	14	13	12	10	20	8	12	19	10	21	13	**16**	**14.3**	**23.1**	
Other	19	16	43	41	29	21	37	21	19	36	21	**25**	**-13.8**	**19.0**	
Total Truck Sales	217	235	272	267	268	259	271	278	318	335	283	**282**	**12.4**	**-0.4**	

Economic Indicators: MONROE METROPOLITAN AREA

Categories		Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	**Aug 84**	Per Cent Change Latest Month Same Month Prior Year	 **Prior Month**	 Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12-Months
EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS										
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		57.6	58.4	58.6	61.1	60.3	**60.7**	1.2	0.7	-1.2
Total Employed (000)		52.5	53.4	53.3	55.4	54.6	**55.1**	2.8	0.9	1.0
Total Unemployed (000)		5.1	5.0	5.3	5.7	5.7	**5.6**	-12.5	-1.8	-17.9
Unemployment Rate		8.9	8.6	9.1	9.3	9.5	**9.2**	-14.0	-3.2	-16.6
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Number					8,128	8,494	**7,669**		-9.7	
Benefits Paid	$				1,076,724	1,122,670	**995,320**		-11.3	
Federal Employees										
Number					36	31	**39**		25.8	
Benefits Paid	$				4,365	3,321	**3,871**		16.6	
Ex-Servicemen										
Number					75	55	**73**		32.7	
Benefits Paid	$				9,514	7,490	**10,310**		37.7	
Categories		**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**			
CONSTRUCTION										
Highway Construction Contracts ($ Mil)	$	21.80	21.63	21.63	23.00	22.66	**23.92**	77.7	5.6	
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Million)										
Residential	$	3.2	3.5	4.0	2.8	2.5	**2.5**	172.0	172.0	63.5
Nonresidential	$	1.0	4.0	0.9	11.9	0.4	**32.1**	-96.9	150.0	-56.4
Number Of Construction Contracts		67	63	65	52	44	**79**	88.1	79.5	49.4
WELFARE ACTIVITY										
Aid To Dependent Children										
Amount Paid	$	540,575	549,695	556,035	576,144	573,372	**559,314**		-2.5	
Persons		10,025	10,166	10,302	10,676	10,588	**10,377**		-2.0	
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value	$	1,309,326	1,341,978	1,333,421	1,292,900	1,306,762	**1,286,610**		-1.5	
Recipients		29,899	30,290	30,215	29,831	29,677	**29,560**		-0.4	
Medicaid Information										
Claims		9,546	8,897	9,831	10,589	9,449	**10,514**		11.3	
Payments	$	2,507,964	2,458,365	2,517,535	3,059,129	2,833,721	**2,881,658**		1.7	
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY										
Beer Sales Information										
Cases Sold		124,223	130,584	140,680	152,016					
Taxes Collected	$	13,664	14,364	15,475	16,721					
Airline Cargo (Tons)		21	19	13	19	15	**17**	0.0	13.3	13.1
Airline Passenger Boardings (000)		7.0	8.0	7.0	8.0	8.0	**8.0**	-11.1	0.0	7.4
Telephone Lines (000)		128.5	128.7	128.9	128.6	128.9	**129.0**		0.1	
Total Mortgage Loans Closed ($ Mil)		32.7	13.8	29.2		13.4	**8.9**	-18.3	-33.6	
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births										
Deaths										
REVENUE COLLECTIONS										
Retail Sales Tax - State	$	1,709,894	1,745,362	2,961,053	2,040,777	2,324,020	**2,731,163**	28.0	17.5	12.5
Severence Tax	$	254,681	159,974	191,260	172,588	162,042	**92,757**	-47.4	-42.8	-9.9

Source: Available on Request

Economic Indicators: HOUMA-THIBODAUX METROPOLITAN AREA

Categories		Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Per Cent Change Latest Month Same Month Prior Year	Per Cent Change Latest Month Prior Month	Per Cent Change Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12-Months
EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS										
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Number					7,979	7,780	**7,806**		**0.3**	
Benefits Paid	$				1,200,328	1,153,119	**1,119,082**		**-3.0**	
Federal Employees										
Number					7	7	**14**		**100.0**	
Benefits Paid	$				1,021	803	**2,088**		**160.0**	
Ex-Servicemen										
Number					24	14	**14**		**0.0**	
Benefits Paid	$				3,472	2,204	**2,402**		**9.0**	

Categories		Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12-Months
CONSTRUCTION										
Highway Construction Contracts ($ Mil)	$	33.31	33.31	34.48	36.99	37.59	**37.59**	195.3	**0.0**	
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)										
Residential	$	4.1	6.9	5.9	3.7	7.5	**3.8**		**-49.3**	
Nonresidential	$	2.4	0.1	4.8	3.9	1.0	**1.3**		**30.0**	
Number Of Construction Contracts		67	163	131	81	136	**70**		**-48.5**	
WELFARE ACTIVITY										
Aid To Dependent Children										
Amount Paid	$	322,896	333,432	345,025	365,300	365,549	**357,218**		**-2.3**	
Persons		5,923	6,112	6,301	6,627	6,658	**6,545**		**-1.7**	
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value	$	1,067,771	1,125,519	1,142,696	1,108,440	1,132,380	**1,109,997**		**-2.0**	
Recipients		23,398	24,388	24,623	24,255	24,672	**24,356**		**-1.3**	
Medicaid Information										
Claims		4,435	4,318	4,686	5,133	4,708	**5,389**		**14.5**	
Payments	$	1,259,549	1,283,991	1,373,984	945,835	1,537,358	**1,564,160**		**1.7**	
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY										
Beer Sales Information										
Cases Sold		179,304	189,767	193,508	231,474					
Taxes Collected	$	19,724	20,873	21,286	25,462					
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births										
Deaths										
REVENUE COLLECTIONS										
Retail Sales Tax - State	$	816,372	1,320,903	1,824,474	1,497,703	1,490,795	**1,679,080**	17.6	12.6	-5.8

New Cars & Trucks Sales - Houma Area

	Sep 83	Oct 83	Nov 83	Dec 83	Jan 84	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12-Months
NEW CAR SALES															
Buick	43	48	40	47	37	41	60	71	60	70	52	**72**	**35.8**	**38.5**	
Cadillac	11	11	15	18	11	15	6	16	13	8	7	**18**	**157.1**	**157.1**	
Chevrolet	50	83	38	42	67	59	78	79	82	71	64	**55**	**-5.2**	**-14.1**	
Chrysler	18	7	10	17	12	14	11	12	17	24	21	**16**	**60.0**	**-23.8**	
Datsun	36	17	23	21	23	24	22	21	15	24	25	**22**	**-26.7**	**-12.0**	
Dodge	11	30	15	11	11	16	12	11	21	53	21	**31**	**138.5**	**47.6**	
Ford	47	46	48	49	43	60	56	53	73	62	50	**42**	**35.5**	**-16.0**	
Honda	13	13	14	19	27	21	27	32	38	34	31	**44**	**340.0**	**41.9**	
Lincoln	11	6	9	7	8	6	7	9	10	13	9	**4**	**-63.6**	**-55.6**	
Mazda	6	4	3	6	3	0	7	5	7	4	5	**7**	**0.0**	**40.0**	
Mercury	18	29	24	16	22	26	18	24	27	24	23	**27**	**50.0**	**17.4**	
Oldsmobile	54	63	57	79	68	77	81	59	90	67	52	**63**	**-26.7**	**21.2**	
Plymouth	9	9	5	10	9	6	14	8	10	14	18	**12**	**0.0**	**-33.3**	
Pontiac	32	25	37	41	30	30	34	35	33	40	35	**54**	**86.2**	**54.3**	
Renault	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	7	13	8	**4**		**-50.0**	
Toyota	16	22	22	28	26	33	12	16	30	37	30	**40**	**53.8**	**33.3**	
Volkswagen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**			
Volvo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**			
Other	0	8	6	14	6	10	9	10	20	12	13	**13**		**0.0**	
Total Car Sales	378	424	369	427	406	441	457	464	553	570	464	**524**	**30.7**	**12.9**	
NEW TRUCK SALES															
Chevrolet	48	59	50	57	68	61	61	55	118	72	71	**70**	**16.7**	**-1.4**	
Datsun	22	15	10	11	10	19	21	12	12	12	14	**11**	**-31.3**	**-21.4**	
Dodge	47	36	35	44	41	69	59	71	50	65	64	**40**	**-13.0**	**-37.5**	
Ford	73	63	65	55	65	68	64	70	74	93	69	**69**	**21.1**	**0.0**	
GMC	21	21	25	35	35	22	26	33	40	28	23	**32**	**18.5**	**39.1**	
Mazda	0	6	4	2	3	4	3	5	2	7	2	**3**	**50.0**	**50.0**	
Toyota	6	3	7	11	12	18	13	11	16	27	16	**19**	**111.1**	**18.8**	
Other	12	13	4	10	16	15	13	12	19	29	20	**26**	**188.9**	**30.0**	
Total Truck Sales	229	216	200	225	250	276	260	269	331	333	279	**270**	**19.5**	**-3.2**	

Economic Indicators: UNITED STATES

Categories		Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	**Jul 84**	**Per Cent Change**		
								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12-Months
								Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES										
Finished Goods		290.6	291.7	291.4	291.5	291.2	**292.6**	**2.6**	**0.5**	**1.9**
Finished Consumer Goods		290.1	291.4	290.6	290.7	290.3	**292.0**	**2.4**	**0.6**	**1.8**
Intermediate Materials		317.4	319.5	320.2	320.8	321.6	**321.7**	**2.8**	**0.0**	**2.4**
Crude Materials		332.8	339.4	340.1	338.5	333.2	**334.5**	**4.3**	**0.4**	**4.1**
CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES										
All Items		306.6	307.3	308.8	309.7	310.7	**311.7**	**4.1**	**0.3**	**3.8**
Food and Beverages		294.2	294.3	294.5	293.6	294.3	**295.3**	**3.7**	**0.3**	**3.1**
Housing		331.0	331.5	333.2	334.6	336.2	**338.1**	**4.2**	**0.6**	**3.3**
Apparel and Upkeep		196.2	198.8	199.2	198.9	197.4	**196.6**	**0.8**	**-0.4**	**2.2**
Transportation		305.8	306.9	309.6	312.2	313.1	**312.9**	**4.2**	**-0.1**	**4.4**
Medical Care		373.2	374.5	375.7	376.8	378.0	**380.3**	**6.3**	**0.6**	**6.6**
Entertainment		251.5	251.7	253.8	253.5	254.5	**255.3**	**3.8**	**0.3**	**3.7**
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES										
Total Index		160.0	160.8	162.2	162.8	163.6				
Energy		141.4	141.9	143.0	143.2	144.9				
Durable Consumer Goods		162.5	163.1	162.5	162.2	163.2				
Nondurable Consumer Goods		158.2	159.1	161.1	162.0	162.6				
Business Equipment		171.9	172.1	173.5	175.4	177.0				
Defense and Space Equipment		129.5	130.1	132.8	133.6	134.7				
Construction Supplies		156.6	159.1	159.9	159.7	159.2				
Business Supplies		181.3	181.3	182.2	182.8					
Durable Goods Materials		158.6	159.5	161.6	161.7	162.4				
Nondurable Goods Materials		184.1	185.9	186.0	186.7	187.3				
Energy Materials		131.0	131.3	132.3	132.1	133.9				
Home Goods and Clothing		140.3	140.1	141.3	141.2	140.8				
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY										
Index of 12 Leading Indicators		167.0	167.4	168.3	168.8	166.6	**165.3**	**4.5**	**-0.8**	**12.4**
Index of 4 Roughly Coincident Indicators		150.6	151.0	152.6	153.8	155.2	**156.5**	**11.2**	**0.8**	**10.3**
Index Of 6 Lagging Indicators		111.1	112.6	114.3	116.1	117.1	**118.1**	**7.7**	**0.9**	**-2.8**
Index of Coincident to Lagging Ratio		135.6	134.1	133.5	132.5	132.5	**132.5**	**3.3**	**0.0**	**13.3**
Housing Starts, Privately Owned (000)		130.0	137.5	172.7	180.7	184.9	**162.5**	**0.6**	**-12.1**	**23.1**
Housing Starts, Publically Owned (000)		0.4	0.6	0.3	1.4	0.4				
FINANCE										
Yield On 3-Month Federal Sec		9.03	9.44	9.69	9.90	9.94	**10.13**	**11.6**	**1.9**	**12.4**
Yield on State & Local Bonds		9.04	9.41	9.54	10.49	10.67	**10.42**	**19.8**	**-2.3**	**4.9**
Average Yield on Corporate Bonds		12.88	13.33	13.59	13.28	13.55	**13.44**	**5.6**	**-0.8**	**0.0**
M1 : Currency + Demand Deposits ($ Bil)	$	532.9	535.1	535.3	541.0	546.2	**545.6**	**6.0**	**-0.1**	**9.0**
M2 : M1 + Other Checkable Deposits ($ Bil)	$	2222.5	2229.9	2242.7	2258.6	2271.7	**2280.6**	**7.2**	**0.4**	**9.6**
Bank Debits ($ Bil)	$	126749.9	116416.7	129229.4	131456.9	121488.2	**128299.3**	**18.9**	**5.6**	**19.1**
Credit Union Deposits ($ Bil)	$	49.7	50.2	51.9	52.0					
Savings & Loan Deposits ($ Bil)	$	637.3	643.2	657.3	651.0					
Commercial Bank Deposits ($ Bil)	$	1326.7	1333.9	1345.1	1351.1					
EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS (Millions)										
Civilian Noninstitutional Population		175.7	175.8	176.0	176.1	176.3	**176.4**	**1.2**	**0.1**	**1.2**
Civilian Labor Force		112.7	112.9	113.2	113.8	113.9	**113.9**	**1.8**	**0.0**	**1.6**
Percent of Population		64.1	64.2	64.4	64.6	64.6	**64.6**	**0.6**	**0.0**	**0.4**
Employed		103.9	104.1	104.4	105.3	105.7	**105.4**	**4.2**	**-0.3**	**4.0**
Employment-Population Ratio		59.1	59.2	59.3	59.8	60.0	**59.7**	**2.8**	**-0.5**	**2.8**
Unemployed		8.8	8.8	8.8	8.5	8.1	**8.5**	**-19.8**	**4.9**	**-19.2**
Unemployment Rate		7.8	7.8	7.8	7.5	7.1	**7.5**	**-21.1**	**5.6**	**-20.6**
LIFE INSURANCE STATISTICS										
Annualized Premium ($ Mil)	$	370.8	429.4	417.7	465.2	450.7	**425.0**	**26.5**	**-5.7**	**22.1**
Face Amount ($ Bil)	$	37.5	42.6	41.6	45.4	43.2	**41.9**	**19.7**	**-3.0**	**16.0**
Premium Per $1,000	$	9.88	10.08	10.04	10.25	10.42	**10.15**	**5.8**	**-2.6**	**5.0**
Average Policy Size ($ 000)	$	48.2	48.4	49.7	52.2	51.8	**51.2**	**8.9**	**-1.2**	**14.0**
Premium Per Policy	$	476	488	499	535	540	**520**	**13.6**	**-3.7**	**20.0**
No. Of Ordinary Life Insurance Policies (000)		779.3	879.5	836.9	868.9	834.4	**818.0**	**9.7**	**-2.0**	**1.7**
ENERGY SUMMARY (QUADs)										
Energy Production		5.35	5.68	5.34						
Energy Consumption		6.16	6.59	5.85						
Energy Imports		1.05	1.04	1.03						
Energy Exports		0.22	0.31	0.33						

Source: Available on Request

Louisiana Tourist Traffic Data - Visitors To Selected Tourist Attractions

Categories	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Per Cent Change: Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Per Cent Change: Latest Month: Prior Month	Per Cent Change: Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12-Months
Audubon State Commemorative Area	10,096	11,068	10,835	11,287	11,368	**1,596**	**-76.1**	**-86.0**	**14.5**
Camp Moore State Commemorative Area	580	1,306	637	539	584	**485**	**34.0**	**-17.0**	**30.5**
Chemin-A-Haut State Park	2,896	3,619	5,582	14,292	11,579	**7,316**	**3.2**	**-36.8**	**10.5**
Chicot State Park	49,349	57,191	63,788	48,234	54,579	**18,400**	**-30.3**	**-66.3**	**30.6**
Cypremort Point State Park	4,653	8,542	16,262	25,890	25,076	**16,566**	**29.3**	**-33.9**	**16.4**
Edward Douglass White Memorial	193	143	469	62	79	**55**	**103.7**	**-30.4**	**68.7**
Fairview-Riverside State Park	19,881	24,478	28,956	24,898	23,100	**11,420**	**-52.3**	**-50.6**	**-0.6**
Fontainbleau State Park	28,474	29,584	88,864	105,356	98,560	**68,272**	**323.8**	**-30.7**	**116.2**
Fort Jesup State Commemorative Area	4,248	6,442	4,218	4,236	3,384	**6,200**	**91.4**	**83.2**	**-4.6**
Fort Pike State Commemorative Area	29,886	32,820	43,080	72,252	47,718	**36,022**	**300.2**	**-24.5**	**246.8**
Fort St. Jean Baptiste	1,716	2,498	4,218	4,610	3,384	**4,048**	**345.8**	**19.6**	**96.8**
Grand Isle State Park	370	345	168	153	53	**162**	**-99.4**	**205.7**	**0.0**
Hodges Gardens	6,178	12,914	7,137	4,923	3,533	**2,430**	**-23.9**	**-31.2**	**-17.0**
Indian Creek Recreational Area	9,022	15,127	23,722	28,624	25,361	**14,012**	**-9.7**	**-44.7**	**1.2**
Kent House State Commemorative Area									
Lake Bistineau State Park	8,371	13,777	17,421	19,191	23,226	**13,303**	**-1.0**	**-42.7**	**4.7**
Lake Bruin State Park	5,132	7,986	9,064	14,942	15,670	**10,706**	**214.0**	**-31.7**	**-21.3**
Lake Claiborne State Park	7,784	12,078	34,528	44,032	39,332	**29,174**	**-0.2**	**-25.8**	**47.0**
Lake D'Arbonne State Park	3,123	3,897	6,598	6,488	5,722	**4,300**	**56.8**	**-24.9**	**23.8**
Longfellow-Evangeline State Park	16,662	18,784	19,574	18,842	23,048	**14,208**	**4.5**	**-38.4**	**-13.7**
Los Adeas	44	63	100	34	58	**39**	**34.5**	**-32.8**	**33.7**
Avery Island								**Non-Contributor**	
Louisiana State Arboretum	268	339	391	292					
Louisiana State Exhibit Museum, Shreveport	44,400	45,400	36,600	31,400	27,200	**22,400**	**-9.7**	**-17.6**	**0.2**
Louisiana State Museum, New Orleans	6,280	8,549	50,070	50,123	44,814	**37,729**	**246.9**	**-15.8**	**32.0**
Louisiana State Fairgrounds	37,110	154,025	55,275	5,900	4,135				
Mansfield State Commemorative Area	3,602	4,971	4,116	4,224	4,280	**4,090**	**0.1**	**-4.4**	**2.6**
Old Arsenal Museum	5,896	7,870	8,444	5,760	6,128	**4,463**	**-24.2**	**-27.2**	**-13.6**
Marksville State Commemorative Area	14,264	13,910	17,925	18,020	16,624	**9,118**	**816.4**	**-45.2**	**483.6**
Old State Capitol	6,909	6,738	9,498	6,447	6,928	**5,742**	**3.6**	**-17.1**	**-2.1**
Plaquemine Locks	300	289	690	350	267	**548**	**305.9**	**105.2**	**216.2**
Port Hudson	11,307	9,735	9,538	8,205	8,320				
Poverty Point State Commemorative Area	4,679	7,828	7,519	7,365	7,258	**4,751**	**38.7**	**-34.5**	**103.0**
Rebel State Commemorative Area	1,372	1,756	2,340	4,940	2,120	**1,781**	**-18.8**	**-16.0**	**6.3**
St. Bernard State Park	9,715	9,903	27,251	25,339	18,268	**5,371**	**43.8**	**-70.6**	**58.1**
Sam Houston Jones State Park	39,279	46,350	63,827	22,858	39,130	**29,405**	**27.7**	**-24.9**	**1.6**
Winter Quarters State Commemorative Area	109	87	149	321	200	**195**	**18.2**	**-2.5**	

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Categories	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12-Months
Greenwood	13,454	10,559	18,289	28,407	31,740	**25,272**	**28.6**	**-20.4**	**8.9**
Kentwood (I-55)	7,137	6,071	18,758	29,538	27,302	**22,251**	**139.9**	**-18.5**	**50.4**
Louisiana State Capitol	19,356	27,453	32,957	25,467	23,604	**21,183**	**-0.4**	**-10.3**	**1.4**
Mound Center (I-20 W)	9,936	7,747	12,503	17,395	18,958	**16,629**	**22.4**	**-12.3**	**-0.8**
New Orleans	10,414	9,490	14,961	20,002	14,307	**11,609**	**-5.8**	**-18.9**	**-9.9**
Pearl River (I-59)	48,849	36,875	61,913	97,428	105,665	**63,170**	**-40.5**	**-40.2**	**14.9**
St. Francisville	3,138	3,445	4,577	5,574	5,629	**4,957**	**26.7**	**-11.9**	**-1.5**
Slidell (I-10 W)	68,979	43,749	91,029	113,079	133,627	**109,160**	**48.6**	**-18.3**	**22.3**
Toledo Bend	3,018	2,914	2,810	2,999	3,190	**2,701**	**17.4**	**-15.3**	**2.8**
Vidalia	1,964	1,202	2,002	2,624	2,637	**2,019**	**23.4**	**-23.4**	**15.7**
Vinton (I-10 E)	36,009	26,270	41,416	50,062	51,584	**37,712**	**46.1**	**-26.9**	**34.0**

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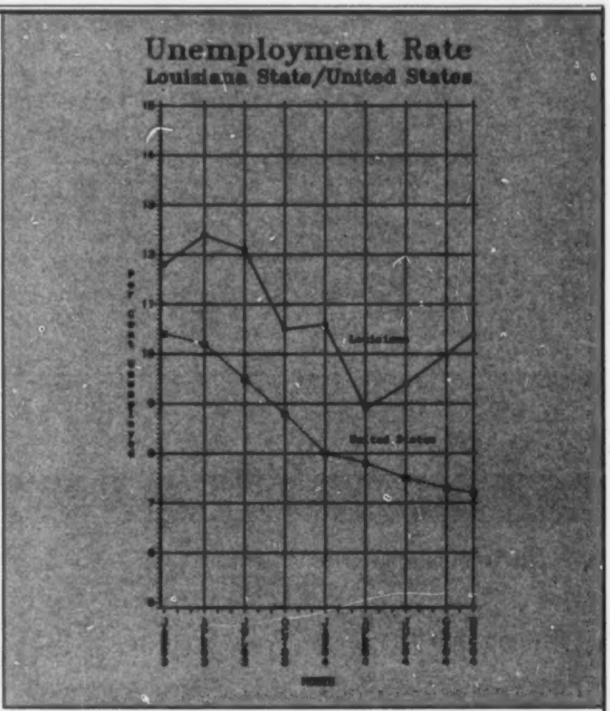
Preliminary estimates indicate that the real GNP grew at a 3.9 percent annual rate in the fourth quarter of 1984. The growth in GNP was well above the 2.8 percent reported in the flash estimates last month. Consumer expenditures were greater than anticipated in the flash estimates and imports were less. Overall, the 1984 GNP was 6.8 percent higher than in 1983, representing the largest increase since 1951. The GNP is expected to grow in the 3-4 percent range in 1985.

The Federal Reserve Board's Index of Industrial Production increased 0.6 percent in December, following a 0.4 percent gain in November. Retail sales dropped 0.1 percent in December, following a 2 percent increase in the previous month. The data for December sales is likely to be revised upwards in the future. Total housing starts increased at an annual rate of only 2 percent in December, following declines in the two previous months.

The U.S. civilian unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) increased to 7.4 percent in January 1985 from 7.2 percent inDecember 1984. Total civilian employment increased 0.1 percent since December and 3 percent since January 1984. The U.S. Leading Economic Indicator dropped 0.2 percent in December, following a 0.6 percent increase in November and a 0.6 decline in October. Although, the recent unsteadiness in the leading indicator raises questions on the outlook of the economy, most economic analysts believe that the economy will grow 4 percent annually during the first half of 1985.

Inflation continues to be under control. The Consumer Price Index as well as the Producer Price Index were virtually unchanged in December . Interest rates continued to decline in January. The prime rate decreased to 10.5 percent by the end of January from 10.75 percent in December and was even below the 11 percent in January 1984. The AAA corporate bond rate at the end of January decreased to 11.9 percent from 12.05 percent at the end of December and was below the 12.5 percent rate a year ago. The significant decline in interest rates since September 1984 should spur the interest sensitive sector of the economy such as construction, business investments, production and sale of durables, etc.



Louisiana

The Louisiana economy was stagnant in December. The seasonal adjusted total employment declined 1.26 percent in December and the unemployment rate, also seasonally adjusted, increased 10.8 percent in December from 10.4 percent in November. Total non-agricultural wage and salary employment increased by 1,600 or one-tenth of one percent. Wholesale and retail trade employment increased by 5,000 workers due to seasonal increases in hiring. Employment in mining and finance, insurance and real estate sectors was unchanged since November. The other sectors such as construction; transportation; communication and utilities; and the services sector, all experienced declining employment in December.

The Louisiana Economic Indicator (LEI) decreased two-tenths of one percent in December. The index components predicting construction activities and manufac-

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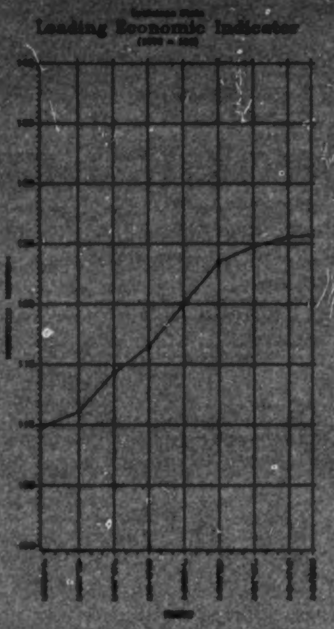

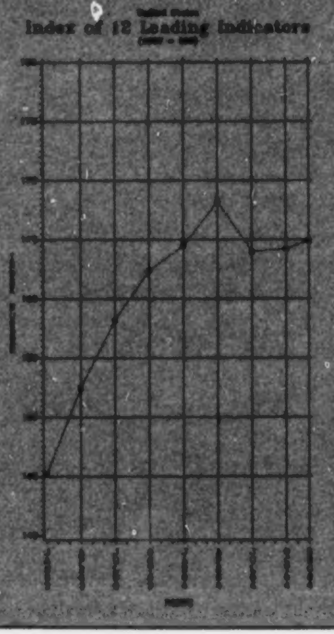

	Unemployment Rate						Leading Indicators					
	Louisiana			United States			Louisiana 1976=100			United States 1967=100		
Month	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985
Jan	11.8	**10.6**	na	10.4	**8.0**	na	109.9	**120.0**	na	145.2	**164.5**	na
Feb	12.7	**10.1**	na	10.2	**7.8**	na	110.2	**121.5**	na	147.4	**166.9**	na
Mar	12.7	**9.2**		10.2	**7.8**		110.6	**122.7**		150.2	**167.4**	
Apr	12.4	**8.9**		10.2	**7.8**		111.1	**123.5**		152.5	**168.2**	
May	12.3	**8.9**		10.1	**7.4**		112.1	**124.1**		154.4	**168.5**	
Jun	12.5	**9.4**		10.0	**7.1**		113.3	**124.4**		157.3	**166.9**	
Jul	12.1	**9.4**		9.5	**7.5**		114.3	**124.8**		158.2	**164.0**	
Aug	11.7	**9.4**		9.5	**7.5**		115.2	**125.1**		158.9	**163.9**	
Sep	11.1	**9.5**		9.1	**7.4**		115.8	**125.4**		160.0	**165.2**	
Oct	10.5	**10.0**		8.8	**7.3**		116.5	**125.6**		162.4	**164.2**	
Nov	10.7	**10.2**		8.4	**7.1**		117.4	**125.8**		162.5	**165.2**	
Dec	10.3	**10.4**		8.2	**7.2**		118.6	**125.7**		163.4	**164.9**	

Economic Indicators: Louisiana State — Per Cent Change

								Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Employment Statistics	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	1,965.3	1,954.9	1,969.8	1,983.2	1,992.8	1,974.5	**1,953.9**	3.3	*-1.1*	1.3
Total Employed (000)										
Non-Agricultural	1,581.0	1,573.1	1,571.7	1,579.1	1,579.6	1,581.1	**1,582.7**	0.1	*0.1*	0.5
Wholesale And Retail Trade	376.7	376.8	375.2	373.6	374.3	376.1	**381.2**	0.2	*1.3*	1.6
Government	316.7	311.9	311.9	319.3	321.7	324.3	**324.5**	1.4	*0.0*	0.6
Services	312.1	310.0	309.1	312.2	312.7	311.9	**310.4**	0.8	*-0.5*	2.0
Manufacturing	182.0	181.9	183.3	183.0	182.4	183.1	**182.6**	2.3	*-0.3*	0.1
Transportation & Public Utilities	116.7	116.3	117.2	116.2	116.1	115.8	**115.6**	0.0	*-0.2*	-2.1
Construction	114.2	113.9	113.3	113.0	110.8	107.1	**105.7**	-8.8	*-1.4*	-2.6
Finance, Insurance, And Real Estate	84.0	84.1	83.8	83.5	83.4	83.6	**83.5**	0.1	*-0.1*	1.1
Mining	78.6	78.2	77.9	78.3	78.2	79.2	**79.2**	-0.4	*0.0*	-2.3
Unemployment Statistics	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Total Unemployed (000)	185.2	183.8	185.3	187.9	198.8	202.0	**203.7**	4.3	*0.8*	-16.4
Unemployment Rate	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.5	10.0	10.2	**10.4**	0.9	*1.9*	-17.7
Unemployment Benefits Paid (000 Weeks)	212.4	224.5	227.0	190.0	217.4	225.2	**223.7**	-12.3	*-0.7*	-30.4
Unemployment Benefits Paid ($ Mil)	31.2	32.8	33.0	28.0	32.2	33.7	**33.4**	-13.7	*-0.9*	-33.2
Average Weekly Manufacturing Hours	41.8	41.4	41.1	42.0	41.1	42.2	**41.8**	2.7	*-1.0*	3.9
Average Weekly Manufacturing Earnings	418.84	419.80	415.52	416.34	407.71	436.66	**433.88**	7.8	*-0.7*	7.6
New Claims (000)	32.8	30.4	26.6	30.5	32.6	29.0	**39.5**	4.4	*36.2*	-20.2
Exhaustions (000)	6.2	6.5	6.6	5.4	5.9	6.0	**6.0**	-25.0	*0.0*	-34.0
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Number of Recipients	195,263	204,018	208,476	174,248	199,643	206,233	**205,314**		*-0.5*	na
Benefits Paid	28,270,832	29,871,910	29,795,562	25,262,388	29,061,964	30,324,606	**30,090,371**	0.0	*-0.8*	na
Federal Employees										
Number of Recipients	1,063	1,175	1,252	1,042	1,211	1,707	**1,007**		*-41.1*	na
Benefits Paid	127,768	144,442	159,610	132,502	154,751	241,901	**130,483**		*-46.1*	na
Ex-Servicemen										
Number of Recipients	1,320	1,427	1,574	1,502	1,825	1,725	**1,527**		*-11.5*	na
Benefits Paid	195,292	211,516	235,857	226,616	273,183	257,221	**228,353**		*-11.3*	na
Revenue Collections ($ Mil)	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Severance Tax	66.7	70.4	65.3	64.5	32.3	54.8	**62.0**	-7.1	*13.1*	-1.4
General Sales Tax	70.1	73.0	85.9	87.3	86.5	91.0	**86.8**	40.6	*-4.7*	24.0
Motor Vehicle Tax	10.0	8.8	14.2	11.3	12.4	10.3	**10.0**	9.8	*-3.0*	29.0
Gasoline Tax	14.6	16.5	24.0	28.3	24.2	28.4	**25.9**	83.6	*-8.9*	41.6
Individual Income Tax	34.7	41.0	34.9	28.5	52.3	36.5	**44.4**	96.4	*21.6*	74.5
Corporation Income Tax	38.7	6.9	4.6	46.3	12.9	11.7	**33.6**	-20.6	*187.1*	-15.4
Corporation Franchise Tax	2.3	2.1	2.9	4.5	4.0	10.1	**13.3**	786.6	*31.6*	7.8
Tobacco Tax And Permits	6.0	7.1	8.5	6.9	7.5	7.4	**6.5**	30.0	*-12.2*	28.7
Royalties, Rentals, and Bonuses	na	na	na	na	na	na	**na**	na	*na*	na
Alcoholic Beverages										
Liquor & Wine Tax	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.7	1.4	1.7	**2.4**	-4.0	*41.1*	0.4
Beer Tax, State	3.5	3.2	3.0	3.7	3.4	2.1	**2.6**	4.0	*23.8*	0.8
Special Fuels	2.7	3.4	4.1	4.1	5.2	4.8	**4.5**	114.2	*-6.3*	50.5
Soft Drink Tax & Permit Fees	1.0	1.1	1.2	0.8	1.1	0.9	**0.8**	0.0	*-11.2*	3.8
Parish & Municipality Beer Tax	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.5	**0.5**	0.0	*0.0*	5.7
Total Revenues	247.6	232.5	250.1	282.8	240.3	264.8	**293.4**	29.1	*10.8*	18.9
Construction	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ Mil)	550.99	599.43	569.55	607.42	598.48	na	**na**	na	*na*	na
Value of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)										
Residential	157.3	174.8	159.3	137.1	186.9	110.5	**86.5**	-40.7	*-21.8*	-0.9
Non-Residential	107.5	293.4	129.7	119.6	187.8	127.6	**116.7**	51.9	*-8.6*	21.2
Non-Building	80.7	74.3	55.0	45.6	85.2	182.3	**203.2**	225.6	*11.4*	-47.0
Number Of Construction Contracts	2,699	3,484	2,992	2,364	3,025	2,063	**1,733**	-46.4	*-16.0*	-9.0
FHLB Construction ($ Mil)	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84			
Construction										
Condominium	20.8	6.3	3.1	9.4	11.6	4.5	**2.5**	-74.0	*-44.5*	na
1-to-4 Unit	26.0	26.4	23.1	15.7	14.5	17.5	**19.9**	-21.1	*13.7*	na
5 or More	1.7	13.1	10.1	10.3	8.7	2.7	**14.6**	192.0	*440.7*	na
Non-Residential	41.4	27.9	17.2	17.6	8.5	8.4	**10.2**	-60.2	*21.4*	na
Purchases										
Single (New)	29.4	35.5	27.1	29.3	19.9	22.9	**19.0**	-14.5	*-17.1*	na
Family (Other)	54.1	60.1	58.9	56.1	37.9	41.5	**35.2**	-14.4	*-15.2*	na
2-to-4 Unit	9.3	12.5	11.1	14.8	7.4	7.9	**6.2**	-28.8	*-21.6*	na
5 or More	3.0	5.5	7.9	3.9	3.2	8.5	**4.9**	-17.0	*-42.4*	na
Non-Residential	11.9	25.1	27.4	25.7	33.6	28.1	**20.5**	-43.4	*-27.1*	na
Other										
Land Loans	16.0	8.5	19.5	11.3	16.2	22.3	**17.1**	30.5	*-23.4*	na
Refinancing	46.0	34.7	37.0	47.5	34.4	31.7	**27.1**	-36.7	*-14.6*	na
All Other	32.1	26.0	24.4	25.6	16.1	34.1	**24.5**	50.3	*-28.2*	na
Total Loans Closed	291.7	281.6	244.1	267.1	211.4	230.1	**201.6**	-19.9	*-12.4*	
Loans in Process	459.1	439.1	243.8	412.6	397.7	368.8	**367.8**	-5.2	*-0.3*	na

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								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Beer Sales Information	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84			
Number of Cases Sold	4,087,416	4,995,440	4,537,359	4,181,105	4,909,632	3,532,013	**4,184,607**	6.9	***18.4***	-2.5
Tax Revenue	253,355	312,549	286,543	271,446	304,546	224,367	**460,306**	92.2	***105.1***	4.7
General Business Activity	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Corporation Filings										
Domestic Charters	1,160	967	1,108	813	735	646	**654**	-33.5	***1.2***	-8.9
Amendments To Domestic Charters	97	79	85	57	81	53	**97**	-31.3	***83.0***	475.5
Notices of Dissolution	118	220	130	57	48	35	**76**	7.0	***117.1***	847.0
Dissolutions	253	138	221	152	158	82	**157**	149.2	***91.4***	195.7
Mergers or Consolidations	36	25	59	51	48	4	**188**	30.5	***4,600.0***	270.8
Foreign Qualifications	107	152	105	149	153	105	**123**	-26.8	***17.1***	546.1
Amendments to Foreign Charters	40	16	26	13	10	14	**10**	-52.4	***-28.6***	575.0
Withdrawals	14	32	28	12	47	38	**19**	-45.8	***-50.0***	308.6
Telephone Lines (000)	1,723.6	1,726.6	1,733.5	1,740.0	1,742.4	1,738.6	**1,736.6**	1.9	***-0.2***	
Foreign Coal Exports (000 Tons)	552.0	469.6	0.0	550.5	522.2	0.0	**0.0**	-100.0	***0.0***	-50.6
Fuel Consumption (Gals)	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Gasoline	219,359,229	150,050,545	182,083,000	160,193,296	182,696,455	166,924,537	**177,255,345**	-4.8	***6.1***	-85.3
Gasohol	0	294,822	2,815,791	3,168,692	3,237,034	6,693,909	**8,212,690**	na	***22.6***	na
Highway Diesel	41,510,171	25,155,400	23,995,264	31,984,727	29,563,268	27,390,583	**31,374,364**	-4.3	***14.5***	18.0
Highway LPG	320,567	403,602	1,712,159	633,872	334,998	449,338	**379,379**	-40.8	***-15.6***	4.6
Total Fuel Consumption	261,189,967	175,904,369	210,606,214	195,980,587	215,831,755	201,458,367	**217,221,778**	-1.1	***7.8***	93.9
Crude Petroleum Production (000 Bbl)	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84			
North Louisiana	2,790	2,730	2,852	2,852	2,730	2,790	**2,700**	-3.3	***-3.3***	-4.2
South Louisiana	40,107	38,970	40,300	na	38,970	40,548	**39,780**	9.6	***-1.9***	na
Crude Runs To Stills (Daily Avg.)										
CITGO Petroleum	284,130	255,723	222,606	238,847	225,172	225,172	**202,917**	-23.9	***-9.9***	14.2
CONOCO Inc.	134,242	123,552	95,198	116,223	116,223	132,584	**116,733**	-7.6	***-12.0***	46.5
EXXON Company	436,792	450,470	403,688	452,945	417,405	397,894	**419,938**	-2.7	***5.5***	9.8
Gulf Oil Company	188,937	127,388	188,350	193,956	187,901	192,308	**186,712**	16.8	***-3.0***	29.3
Marathon Oil	189,525	191,952	175,403	185,167	165,152	164,669	**174,557**	2.4	***6.0***	21.3
Murphy Oil Company	58,925	49,412	49,210	51,506	51,477	51,477	**65,342**	24.0	***26.9***	-8.3
Shell Oil Company	198,004	206,844	0	204,606	193,396	193,396	**187,132**	1.9	***-3.3***	6.4
Tenneco Oil Company	91,938	80,343	89,363	76,322	87,080	91,198	**134,071**	61.4	***47.0***	13.1
Texaco Inc.	127,443	0	45,268	140,143	167,123	180,338	**159,586**	12.3	***-11.6***	5.4
Others	130,683	154,562	106,032	113,292	190,877	100,934	**107,652**	-12.9	***6.6***	7.9
Total	1,840,619	1,640,246	1,375,118	1,773,007	1,714,726	1,729,970	**1,754,640**	0.8	***1.4***	13.5
Welfare Activity	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Aid to Dependent Children										
Total Assistance Payments	12,600,214	12,328,480	12,383,571	12,308,031	12,573,051	12,525,277	**12,740,316**	9.8	***1.7***	na
Persons	222,554	219,141	220,972	218,885	224,190	222,430	**284,615**	38.2	***27.9***	na
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value	26,623,635	26,560,648	26,709,063	27,238,148	28,902,324	29,924,647	**30,668,420**	19.1	***2.4***	na
Recipients	607,499	607,516	611,448	615,264	617,271	627,959	**633,248**	8.0	***0.8***	na
Medicaid Information										
Claims	186,104	210,407	188,524	184,438	212,381	187,663	**177,950**	-19.8	***-5.2***	na
Benefits Paid	57,898,083	64,460,007	54,556,277	51,355,794	65,260,782	60,286,659	**51,383,246**	-6.6	***-14.8***	na
Inpatient - General Hospital	5,438,028	5,248,105	5,077,346	5,016,667	5,574,040	7,129,984	**4,787,048**	-5.4	***-32.9***	na
ICF Mental	9,847,655	11,519,199	10,827,723	10,887,571	11,607,229	11,598,046	**11,309,192**	10.8	***-2.5***	na
ICF I Services	7,312,545	7,339,789	7,683,135	7,769,247	7,748.049	7,934,853	**7,877,254**	8.7	***-0.8***	na
Physicians	5,603,710	7,449,867	5,369,960	4,994,820	7,090,528	6,013,265	**4,809,169**	-4.9	***-20.1***	na
Drugs	4,751,229	6,583,232	5,282,139	5,008,770	6,831,479	5,676,268	**3,986,580**	-20.3	***-29.8***	na
State Employee's Retirement	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Retirement Benefits Disbursed										
Regular	9,478,095	9,484,746	9,527,882	10,132,029	10,479,314	11,982,815	**13,643,005**	52.5	***13.8***	19.0
Disability	715,229	730,517	722,749	763,852	780,009	772,344	**774,479**	14.6	***0.2***	13.8
Survivors	1,313,047	1,292,893	1,302,484	1,380,098	1,407,879	1,410,971	**1,421,484**	14.1	***0.7***	11.7
Total Benefits Disbursed	11,506,371	11,508,156	11,553,115	12,275,979	12,667,202	14,166,130	**15,838,968**	45.7	***11.8***	17.8
Average Check Amount										
Regular	688.11	687.45	689.43	731.66	748.04	822.43	**889.90**	33.8	***8.2***	11.7
Disability	469.93	495.77	468.41	486.84	500.33	497.00	**496.14**	10.0	***-0.2***	7.5
Survivors	476.26	467.93	470.55	496.44	503.53	503.74	**503.00**	7.7	***-0.2***	5.3
Vital Statistics	Dec 83	Jan 84	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84			
Births	5,731	na	na	na	na	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Deaths	3,035	3,017	na	na	na	na	**na**	na	***na***	na

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													Per Cent Change		
													Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
													Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
New Car Sales	Jan 84	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Buick	1,098	1,104	1,029	1,221	1,279	1,434	1,166	1,459	944	1,009	923	**872**	-16.2	*-5.6*	1.4
Cadillac	489	431	335	448	494	437	374	457	329	379	349	**305**	-36.2	*-12.7*	-2.7
Chevrolet	1,941	1,713	2,031	1,907	2,080	2,133	1,793	2,042	1,729	1,845	1,376	**1,314**	-21.6	*-4.6*	10.5
Chrysler	259	282	314	283	382	415	357	426	362	442	514	**347**	41.6	*-32.5*	37.8
Datsun	779	693	559	581	622	835	867	967	547	341	146	**106**	-85.7	*-27.4*	-21.6
Dodge	332	385	316	310	422	610	315	372	344	452	508	**327**	-3.3	*-35.7*	12.5
Ford	1,794	1,890	1,868	1,801	1,933	2,211	1,657	1,886	1,434	2,122	1,819	**1,413**	-12.3	*-22.4*	11.6
Honda	418	427	367	534	494	478	432	698	312	529	412	**378**	-3.4	*-8.3*	51.3
Lincoln	201	221	315	304	279	321	312	315	303	396	392	**275**	36.1	*-29.9*	19.6
Mazda	157	198	181	180	223	223	199	207	225	213	188	**129**	-32.2	*-31.4*	-15.7
Mercury	589	732	705	646	834	834	693	802	711	756	645	**660**	14.9	*2.3*	17.5
Oldsmobile	1,811	1,984	2,094	1,867	2,132	2,127	1,668	1,769	1,318	1,279	1,235	**1,156**	-35.4	*-6.4*	-6.8
Plymouth	268	215	245	206	257	329	200	209	196	272	299	**232**	-18.9	*-22.5*	31.1
Pontiac	1,091	944	1,103	1,001	1,172	1,259	977	1,174	829	1,112	832	**743**	-6.6	*-10.7*	-6.1
Renault	92	115	167	81	97	140	129	257	89	108	83	**74**	-27.5	*-10.9*	26.5
Toyota	835	803	544	523	550	819	840	1,068	740	799	708	**660**	-11.0	*-6.8*	-6.0
Volkswagen	112	138	138	112	129	102	107	93	108	87	60	**78**	-1.3	*30.0*	33.1
Volvo	106	123	176	149	142	169	131	121	72	81	72	**113**	-4.3	*56.9*	2.6
Other	556	490	426	489	641	593	445	445	457	555	915	**979**	105.6	*6.9*	18.7
Total Car Sales	12,928	12,888	12,913	12,643	14,162	15,469	12,662	14,767	11,049	12,777	11,476	**10,161**	-14.4	*-11.5*	4.8
New Truck Sales	Jan 84	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Chevrolet	1,831	1,703	1,882	1,906	2,168	2,172	1,792	2,006	1,582	1,798	1,555	**1,360**	-28.6	*-12.6*	7.1
Datsun	208	457	348	247	322	399	299	225	177	256	46	**27**	-85.9	*-41.4*	25.8
Dodge	585	641	739	803	778	965	750	703	573	743	645	**626**	21.0	*-3.0*	49.2
Ford	2,155	2,087	2,269	2,313	2,428	2,718	2,129	2,229	1,847	2,256	1,955	**1,669**	-19.3	*-14.7*	10.1
GMC	509	494	484	507	697	661	499	590	434	640	502	**395**	-21.0	*-21.4*	10.8
Mazda	160	209	161	119	187	197	144	186	177	198	108	**114**	-20.3	*5.5*	33.2
Toyota	652	672	485	498	634	850	576	781	790	676	481	**479**	21.8	*-0.5*	64.9
Other	394	359	467	457	554	583	439	509	436	504	608	**696**	94.4	*14.4*	71.0
Total Truck Sales	6,494	6,622	6,835	6,850	7,768	8,545	6,628	7,229	6,016	7,071	5,900	**5,366**	-11.7	*-9.1*	20.5

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								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Employment Statistics	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	545.4	542.6	545.3	542.2	544.6	543.3	**539.7**	2.0	-0.7	1.6
Total Employed (000)	498.3	495.5	496.9	492.1	491.4	488.8	**485.0**	0.8	-0.8	3.2
Average Weekly Manufacturing Earnings	392.70	391.53	381.48	378.73	367.88	373.20	**372.89**	2.7	-0.1	10.1
Average Weekly Manufacturing Hours	42.0	42.1	40.8	40.9	39.6	40.0	**40.4**	3.8	1.0	6.0
Unemployment Statistics	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Total Unemployed (000)	47.1	47.1	48.4	50.1	53.2	54.5	**54.7**	13.9	0.3	-12.4
Unemployment Rate	8.6	8.7	8.9	9.2	9.8	10.0	**10.1**	10.9	1.0	-14.1
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Number of Recipients	54,058	58,584	62,413	53,291	60,253	60,972	**62,047**		1.7	na
Benefits Paid	8,205,180	8,892,700	9,365,447	8,055,067	9,170,774	9,395,661	**9,440,908**		0.4	na
Federal Employees										
Number of Recipients	369	410	470	386	466	741	**391**		-47.3	na
Benefits Paid	42,000	50,594	61,646	50,324	62,479	108,523	**52,580**		-51.6	na
Ex-Servicemen										
Number of Recipients	286	362	387	371	482	466	**403**		-13.6	na
Benefits Paid	42,840	53,402	57,062	54,533	71,276	70,290	**60,893**		-13.4	na
Construction	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ Mil)	261.96	308.19	277.69	270.85	264.85	na	**na**	na	na	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)										
Residential	34.7	64.0	38.3	35.3	57.5	30.6	**22.0**	-4.8	-28.2	8.0
Non-Residential	30.8	37.0	36.9	52.3	63.3	41.1	**33.4**	10.9	-18.8	20.1
Number Of Construction Contracts	635	1,298	768	601	598	661	**391**	-33.0	-40.9	-5.6
FHLB Statistics ($ Mil)	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84			
Construction										
Condominium	2.0	0.1	2.1	3.1	0.3	0.5	**2.0**	-35.5	300.0	1.0
1-to-4 Unit	9.4	7.3	11.4	6.1	5.3	7.2	**4.6**	-74.8	-36.2	66.7
5 or More	1.5	2.7	9.4	5.5	8.4	1.5	**8.3**	66.0	453.3	49.0
Non-Residential	14.7	10.9	10.0	8.1	6.8	3.7	**2.7**	-85.4	-27.1	38.9
Purchases										
Single (New)	13.3	13.1	13.7	15.6	11.2	11.7	**8.8**	-42.5	-24.8	159.3
Family (Other)	33.0	40.4	34.7	34.9	24.6	26.8	**20.9**	-14.0	-22.1	141.3
2-to-4 Unit	7.4	11.2	9.9	11.5	6.9	7.3	**4.9**	-33.8	-32.9	149.0
5 or More	2.6	2.8	3.6	2.3	2.8	4.5	**1.0**	-80.8	-77.8	45.9
Non-Residential	8.6	14.8	16.0	19.5	15.8	24.3	**16.3**	53.7	-33.0	161.9
Other										
Land Loans	2.7	6.5	12.3	5.7	5.7	6.3	**9.8**	34.2	55.5	108.9
Refinancing	18.1	21.2	22.8	27.4	23.3	16.1	**12.2**	-35.2	-24.3	90.7
All Other	11.4	13.2	11.7	7.0	8.0	20.5	**11.0**	189.4	-46.4	411.4
Total Loans Closed	124.7	144.2	135.2	146.6	118.8	130.4	**102.7**	-25.4	-21.3	11.8
Loans in Process	258.4	227.5	223.8	223.7	216.6	192.6	**192.9**	-26.1	0.1	129.9
Import Activity (000 Tons)	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Breakbulk Cargo										
Imports	256.3	304.9	198.7	198.5	249.5	145.1	**206.4**	52.4	42.2	64.0
Exports	42.9	57.4	24.1	28.7	72.1	2.1	**28.3**	-53.1	1,247.6	-30.7
Total	299.2	362.3	222.8	227.2	321.6	147.2		na	na	na
Container Cargo										
Imports	81.1	94.0	60.8	82.6	63.1	86.6	**75.4**	-3.0	-13.0	19.2
Exports	104.6	120.3	74.6	97.3	68.2	116.7	**93.2**	-25.7	-20.2	9.3
Total	185.7	214.3	135.4	179.9	131.3	203.3		na	na	na
Ro-Ro Cargo										
Imports	18.3	19.7	21.6	21.6	31.0	25.4	**18.1**	34.0	-28.8	26.9
Exports	33.7	38.7	54.0	39.6	54.9	48.9	**34.3**	53.1	-29.9	8.9
Total	52.0	58.4	75.6	61.2	85.9	74.3		na	na	na
Lash & Seabee Cargo										
Imports	16.3	18.3	14.8	9.8	14.5	16.2	**10.9**	-37.4	-32.8	-11.4
Exports	12.4	6.3	2.0	1.0	2.7	0.0	**11.2**	409.0	0.0	-46.3
Total	28.7	24.6	16.8	10.8	17.2	16.2		na	na	na
Bulk Terminal Cargo										
Imports	49.4	88.3	200.6	94.3	151.8	62.9	**61.1**	-52.1	-2.9	38.8
Exports	62.0	18.0	0.4	13.9	3.7	1.8	**9.0**	-55.0	400.0	-55.5
Total	111.4	106.3	201.0	108.2	155.5	64.7		na	na	na
Total	677.0	765.9	651.6	587.3	711.5	505.7		8,211.0	9,787.1	759.0
Grain Exports	688.7	892.2	947.9	813.4	978.8	1,050.6	**1,317.0**	40.8	25.3	36.3
Vessel Arrivals	318	347	339	308	330	347	**387**	26.3	11.5	3.3
Grain Deliveries (Mil Bushels)	23.5	30.4	32.3	27.8	33.4	38.0	**42.8**	33.7	12.6	33.5
Coffee Imports (000 Bags)	147.1	420.1	240.6	235.6	329.7	0.0	**296.0**	49.1	0.0	-3.4
Sugar Imports	na	na	na	na	na	na	**na**	na	na	na
Duty Collected ($ Mil)	17	17	18	15	18	19	**19**	46.1	0.0	30.9
Import Cars Loaded	188	335	316	198	256	218	**226**	51.6	3.6	19.1

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								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
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Airport Activity	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Cargo (Tons)	192	182	174	160	191	177	167	-15.3	-5.7	8.4
Flight Arrivals	5,965	6,093	6,253	5,687	5,823	5,049	5,034	6.7	-0.3	12.9
Passengers (000)										
Enplaned	324.6	313.2	333.0	285.1	309.4	263.1	234.6	0.9	-10.9	12.1
Deplaned	316.4	312.9	340.4	286.2	315.1	258.6	223.3	-4.4	-13.7	12.7
Mail (Tons)										
Enplaned	638.2	586.8	615.5	616.8	927.5	478.0	851.5	8.8	78.1	16.4
Deplaned	597.0	556.1	626.7	638.5	641.2	657.6	870.0	13.0	32.2	2.1
Freight (Tons)										
Enplaned	1,317.9	1,171.4	1,009.9	1,091.7	1,082.3	1,182.2	1,112.2	-8.5	-6.0	9.6
Deplaned	1,620.0	1,463.1	1,458.6	1,524.3	1,638.3	1,585.0	1,271.1	-21.3	-19.9	6.3
Express (Tons)										
Enplaned	12.4	11.4	12.6	0.0	15.6	15.9	8.2	-3.6	-48.5	-10.5
Deplaned	24.1	18.9	31.8	0.0	35.2	27.4	24.3	-36.9	-11.4	-8.7
Beer Sales Information	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84			
Number of Cases Sold	1,264,810	1,578,421	1,506,298	1,392,085	1,566,902	1,155,134	1,380,207	9.6	19.4	-2.2
Tax Revenue	139,130	173,626	165,693	153,130	172,359	127,065	151,823	9.6	19.4	-2.2
Welfare Activity	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Aid To Dependent Children										
Total Assistance Payments	4,503,879	4,418,757	4,434,568	4,402,653	4,513,646	4,467,598	4,550,865	7.4	1.8	na
Persons	75,934	74,648	75,253	74,469	76,583	75,631	77,373	8.2	2.3	na
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value	7,161,098	7,236,717	7,404,828	7,512,977	8,108,272	8,348,712	8,439,727	18.1	1.0	na
Recipients	151,062	152,461	155,563	156,900	159,629	162,356	164,017	9.0	1.0	na
Medicaid Information										
Claims	45,882	52,229	45,633	43,949	53,208	46,409	44,941	-18.7	-3.2	na
Benefits Paid	11,936,414	14,353,710	10,691,741	8,170,052	15,010,797	14,014,048	10,456,721	-0.5	-25.4	na
Inpatient - General Hospital	4,570,470	4,968,912	3,862,798	3,422,083	5,541,793	4,766,054	3,315,283	-13.5	-30.5	na
ICF Mental	349,156	1,219,159	573,115	600,609	822,889	736,006	593,105	171.5	-19.5	na
ICF I Services	1,564,913	1,590,236	1,659,879	1,643,451	1,680,589	1,734,438	1,732,649	11.9	-0.2	na
Physicians	1,941,636	2,552,216	1,945,587	1,833,266	2,521,302	2,154,058	1,804,206	4.4	-16.3	na
Drugs	686,364	1,001,468	824,878	755,621	1,041,139	895,743	650,868	-18.7	-27.4	na
General Business Activity	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Attendance at Conventions & Meetings	50,170	42,534	43,278	57,419	52,883	45,800	13,837	-49.9	-69.8	-0.2
Telephone Lines (000)	786.4	787.4	790.0	792.4	793.0	790.9	790.7	1.8	-0.1	
Vital Statistics	Dec 83	Jan 84	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84			
Births	1,611	1,894	1,654	1,824	1,574	1,677	1,548	-13.7	-7.7	-5.1
Deaths	904	1,080	943	913	859	828	818	2.5	-1.3	-1.3
Revenue Collections	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84			
Retail Sales Tax - State	17,074,782	18,272,857	19,193,541	22,764,066	21,842,030	22,559,553	23,782,375	41.4	5.4	18.7
Severance Tax	6,363,129	4,408,315	6,804,965	4,533,869	5,236,856	na	na	na	na	na
Hotel/Motel Room Occupancy										
LA Stadium & Exposition District	937,085	893,596	1,116,785	1,458,678	1,058,334	1,089,247	1,382,370	105.0	26.9	32.5
New Orleans Exhibition Hall	395,800	366,257	478,459	598,254	422,151	437,800	594,426	119.3	35.7	42.0

													Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
													Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
New Car Sales	Jan 84	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Buick	362	360	275	385	401	498	354	475	295	315	301	254	-19.2	-15.7	11.8
Cadillac	130	127	107	138	169	148	113	147	92	138	126	108	-34.2	-14.3	-1.8
Chevrolet	444	433	519	429	499	547	453	479	385	425	352	355	-28.2	0.8	2.0
Chrylser	53	54	55	52	91	79	55	102	88	106	91	71	57.7	-22.0	25.4
Datsun	282	265	222	234	254	292	340	387	226	147	68	32	-90.0	-53.0	-16.8
Dodge	151	127	127	131	155	161	126	140	141	144	159	101	-30.4	-36.5	2.0
Ford	454	629	551	608	597	675	558	663	461	616	591	463	-8.5	-21.7	9.6
Honda	124	121	111	179	160	144	142	228	86	124	130	95	-42.1	-27.0	27.9
Lincoln	66	48	68	87	71	81	91	120	83	102	148	69	13.1	-53.4	3.7
Mazda	62	76	60	59	92	66	65	83	83	60	60	45	-15.1	-25.0	-6.2
Mercury	145	204	168	168	220	234	208	237	199	198	163	160	2.5	-1.9	16.1
Oldsmobile	459	492	507	479	589	599	472	484	358	369	370	336	-25.5	-9.2	-6.3
Plymouth	83	46	62	41	59	75	52	64	64	65	70	63	34.0	-10.0	25.4
Pontiac	284	221	307	262	345	281	290	305	250	293	230	220	18.9	-4.4	63.3
Renault	37	29	35	32	36	42	43	79	30	34	24	19	-63.5	-20.9	-26.8
Toyota	276	275	193	162	180	301	301	322	220	230	230	232	-8.7	0.8	-12.2
Volkswagen	50	31	31	22	44	35	55	45	50	54	25	42	50.0	68.0	19.5
Volvo	31	41	59	40	43	66	51	35	16	25	18	39	5.4	116.6	-3.0
Other	262	162	190	183	255	244	166	157	178	198	357	399	91.8	11.7	24.4
Total Car Sales	3,755	3,741	3,647	3,691	4,260	4,568	3,935	4,552	3,305	3,643	3,513	3,103	-15.8	-11.7	5.9
New Truck Sales	Jan 84	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Chevrolet	331	344	358	410	416	466	374	359	284	329	326	235	-40.6	-28.0	12.5
Datsun	54	108	89	61	96	91	84	51	47	54	18	5	-92.0	-72.3	32.2
Dodge	126	154	146	147	182	204	158	147	123	126	177	144	14.2	-18.7	27.5
Ford	471	465	533	565	574	636	485	542	480	478	493	399	-17.3	-19.1	0.9
GMC	43	47	43	45	69	69	49	74	40	69	66	40	17.6	-39.4	14.3
Mazda	29	32	32	19	35	28	22	26	31	29	16	20	-31.1	25.0	12.3
Toyota	156	216	131	142	183	231	178	187	180	188	130	125	9.6	-3.9	81.7
Other	102	88	107	159	146	160	118	165	104	118	174	189	89.0	8.6	90.4
Total Truck Sales	1,312	1,454	1,439	1,548	1,701	1,885	1,468	1,551	1,289	1,391	1,400	1,157	-13.8	-17.4	19.9

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								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Employment Statistics	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	249.7	250.1	251.3	253.6	254.4	254.0	**252.2**	3.9	-0.8	3.5
Total Employed (000)	229.1	229.3	230.1	232.2	231.4	230.7	**228.7**	2.9	-0.9	5.2
Unemployment Statistics	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 34	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Total Unemployed (000)	20.6	20.8	21.2	21.4	23.0	23.3	**23.5**	14.6	0.8	-12.1
Unemployment Rate	8.3	8.3	8.4	9.0	8.8	9.2	**9.3**	10.7	1.0	-15.2
Average Weekly Manufacturing Earnings	516.47	521.26	490.56	504.61	488.82	502.80	**502.07**	0.4	-0.2	4.2
Average Weekly Manufacturing Hours	44.6	42.5	42.0	42.8	40.6	41.9	**41.7**	-2.4	-0.5	1.6
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Number of Recipients	22,245	24,878	26,197	22,322	25,539	26,620	**25,247**	na	-5.2	na
Benefits Paid	3,440,800	3,869,476	4,116,338	3,563,171	4,072,042	4,285,349	**4,101,455**	na	-4.3	na
Federal Employees										
Number of Recipients	28	34	41	29	32	78	**21**	na	-73.1	na
Benefits Paid	3,251	4,122	5,287	4,067	4,547	12,017	**2,644**	na	-78.0	na
Ex-Servicemen										
Number of Recipients	106	120	92	84	84	100	**104**	na	4.0	na
Benefits Paid	15,983	18,025	13,522	12,836	13,118	15,731	**16,566**	na	5.3	na
Construction	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ Mil)	32.74	32.96	33.10	30.23	30.55	na	**na**	na	na	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)										
Residential	30.9	34.3	27.2	20.1	39.4	17.0	**16.9**	-41.2	-0.6	-1.9
Non-Residential	34.1	17.9	14.0	12.4	56.7	32.1	**32.8**	106.2	2.1	8.4
Number Of Construction Contracts	486	719	398	328	1,626	845	**264**	-44.4	-68.8	3.0
FHB Statistics ($ Mil)	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84			
Construction										
Condominium	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.5	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	0.0	na
1-to-4 Unit	3.6	9.7	0.0	2.7	4.7	5.6	**1.7**	-26.1	-69.7	194.4
5 or More	0.0	0.5	0.0	3.2	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	0.0	720.0
Non-Residential	2.2	1.2	0.0	0.4	1.0	3.5	**0.9**	-72.8	-74.3	43.3
Purchases										
Single (New)	6.9	3.1	0.0	3.9	3.5	4.0	**2.8**	40.0	-30.0	219.7
Family (Other)	2.5	2.[illegible]	0.0	2.1	1.6	3.2	**2.3**	91.6	-28.2	211.8
2-to-4 Unit	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	0.0	86.6
5 or More	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	**1.9**	0.0	0.0	318.1
Non-Residential	1.1	1.4	0.0	3.3	1.1	0.1	**0.0**	-100.0	-100.0	0.0
Other										
Land Loans	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	**0.0**	-100.0	-100.0	-63.2
Refinancing	2.6	1.9	0.0	1.9	1.3	1.1	**3.3**	22.2	200.0	48.6
All Other	12.1	5.8	0.0	6.9	2.0	2.2	**3.6**	-7.7	63.6	258.2
Total Loans Closed	31.9	29.1	27.7	27.6	16.9	20.8	**16.6**	-46.2	-20.2	30.0
Loans In Process	41.2	45.9	0.0	44.0	41.4	38.8	**37.4**	3.6	-3.7	171.4
Baton Rouge Port Activity	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Net Tonnage Summary By Facility										
Cargo Docks	51,088	31,942	35,931	33,692	17,313	22,795	**35,221**	-41.9	54.5	-29.2
Barge Terminal	13,763	30,290	25,583	6,452	14,338	8,585	**10,293**	-34.8	19.8	17.3
Molasses Terminal	0	18,881	36,724	21,375	0	43,785	**0**	0.0	-100.0	21.5
Petroleum Terminal	40,697	82,567	50,065	17,266	70,393	66,444	**10,730**	-91.5	-83.9	-60.3
MS Bulk Facility	22,730	141,538	99,201	120,906	123,006	116,303	**81,123**	25.5	-30.3	-30.5
Total	128,278	303,005	247,504	199,691	225,050	257,912	**137,367**	-48.5	-46.8	-43.1
General Business Activity	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84			
Airline Cargo (Tons)										
Inbound	96.7	106.0	96.0	98.0	101.0	98.0	**85.0**	-7.2	-13.3	11.2
Outbound	52.1	42.0	40.0	34.0	33.0	38.0	**38.0**	-10.0	0.0	13.7
Airline Passenger Boardings (000)	28.0	29.0	28.0	29.0	25.0	28.0	**27.0**	10.2	-3.6	9.0
Classified Advertisement Lineage (000)	1,499.3	1,434.4	1,530.5	1,838.8	1,402.1	1,373.9	**1,316.9**	2.0	-4.2	17.0
Classified Advertisement Count (000)	116.2	115.9	117.6	117.3	110.5	106.6	**100.2**	0.0	-6.1	7.6
Coal Exports (000 Tons)	na	na	699,440	633,840	1,209,060	1,230,060	**807,210**		-34.4	na
Telephone Lines (000)	240.3	241.1	241.9	244.0	245.6	246.5	**246.0**	0.0	-0.3	na
Beer Sales Information	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84			
Number of Cases Sold	471,835	580,884	512,839	332,910	560,383	403,684	**482,784**	5.4	19.5	-5.5
Tax Revenue	51,901	63,896	56,412	36,620	61,642	44,406	**53,106**	5.4	19.5	-5.5

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Welfare Activity	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Aid To Dependent Children										
Total Assistance Payments	1,191,040	1,167,848	1,177,760	1,164,302	1,199,821	1,194,845	**1,216,895**	16.7	*1.8*	na
Persons	20,269	19,995	20,205	19,900	20,545	20,432	**20,831**	16.8	*1.9*	na
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value	2,600,494	2,640,599	2,672,611	2,711,465	2,915,231	2,999,408	**3,046,102**	24.1	*1.5*	na
Recipients	55,473	56,200	56,918	57,264	58,159	59,248	**60,061**	14.6	*1.3*	na
Medicaid Information										
Claims	14,129	16,223	14,452	14,158	16,054	14,547	**13,578**	-20.6	*-6.7*	na
Benefits Paid	4,051,573	4,370,773	3,654,826	4,259,413	4,696,552	4,395,372	**3,720,227**	-5.7	*-15.4*	na
Inpatient - General Hospital	1,076,625	1,051,469	514,729	994,378	1,308,626	970,747	**782,184**	-7.1	*-19.5*	na
ICF Mental	53,424	150,178	234,537	219,668	264,677	406,918	**463,538**	85.6	*13.9*	na
ICF I Services	1,153,661	1,159,721	1,264,622	1,248,020	1,202,208	3,097,128	**1,262,711**	10.9	*-59.3*	na
Physicians	393,852	531,828	400,100	368,040	563,288	395,603	**364,388**	-8.0	*-7.9*	na
Drugs	324,615	476,655	365,015	347,093	484,617	428,531	**286,938**	-14.6	*-33.1*	na

Revenue Collections	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Retail Sales Tax - State	7,884,042	7,161,856	7,807,683	10,621,649	9,326,627	9,300,194	**9,118,258**	34.7	*-2.0*	20.8
Severance Tax	4,161,678	3,878,709	3,861,465	3,823,200	3,714,178	2,753,582	**3,508,975**	65.3	*27.4*	26.4

New Car Sales	Jan 84	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Buick	130	117	116	104	151	150	110	198	113	97	109	**101**	-17.3	*-7.4*	1.8
Cadillac	82	49	37	76	42	54	50	71	48	37	32	**30**	-48.3	*-6.3*	-6.7
Chevrolet	254	214	227	213	280	292	216	296	242	232	193	**201**	0.0	*4.1*	16.7
Chrysler	37	41	34	32	45	76	59	86	68	68	54	**41**	2.5	*-24.1*	15.9
Datsun	144	133	98	92	99	173	158	211	88	49	23	**26**	-80.9	*13.0*	-22.1
Dodge	22	50	22	28	63	76	19	59	57	39	39	**47**	67.8	*20.5*	30.5
Ford	228	184	214	215	197	348	180	259	152	184	166	**114**	-53.1	*-31.4*	-1.5
Honda	75	75	61	93	78	89	62	140	74	176	76	**78**	50.0	*2.6*	84.7
Lincoln	12	21	35	21	25	37	40	29	22	34	29	**27**	22.7	*-6.9*	7.7
Mazda	11	17	17	17	23	37	29	19	18	22	18	**16**	-33.4	*-11.2*	-17.6
Mercury	57	83	67	80	63	150	96	112	74	74	78	**53**	3.9	*-32.1*	63.9
Oldsmobile	187	203	186	190	183	252	161	187	164	114	117	**94**	-48.7	*-19.7*	-10.2
Plymouth	14	23	34	25	30	36	24	35	26	35	49	**30**	114.2	*-38.8*	9.7
Pontiac	141	148	144	153	141	207	98	167	101	127	100	**97**	-18.5	*-3.0*	1.3
Renault	13	13	10	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	-100.0	*0.0*	-38.5
Toyota	298	273	192	163	145	279	279	401	309	293	227	**209**	-21.2	*-8.0*	-1.4
Volkswagen	21	13	22	22	21	19	11	18	13	7	8	**6**	-50.0	*-25.0*	-15.9
Volvo	48	54	69	64	49	57	39	45	36	29	27	**36**	-23.5	*33.3*	4.9
Other	92	103	79	81	109	107	64	83	94	106	141	**185**	131.2	*31.2*	6.9
Total Car Sales	1,866	1,814	1,664	1,671	1,744	2,441	1,695	2,416	1,699	1,723	1,486	**1,391**	-18.5	*-6.4*	4.2

New Truck Sales	Jan 84	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Chevrolet	212	174	229	247	190	279	161	267	229	173	137	**176**	10.6	*28.4*	19.4
Datsun	35	117	86	37	66	111	68	62	37	61	7	**7**	-66.7	*0.0*	106.5
Dodge	104	102	141	130	137	169	88	164	82	112	84	**89**	0.0	*5.9*	14.3
Ford	277	230	254	300	224	388	238	303	225	233	189	**180**	-33.4	*-4.8*	2.8
GMC	30	35	26	38	56	69	40	36	46	50	46	**30**	11.1	*-34.8*	10.5
Mazda	32	34	20	24	31	27	18	35	25	48	23	**28**	-20.0	*21.7*	44.3
Toyota	341	307	227	201	276	409	243	396	407	298	181	**196**	5.3	*8.2*	53.0
Other	62	47	37	50	71	92	45	48	57	56	74	**111**	85.0	*50.0*	24.1
Total Truck Sales	1,093	1,046	1,020	1,027	1,051	1,544	901	1,311	1,108	1,031	741	**817**	-3.6	*10.2*	24.8

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								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Employment Statistics	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	**Dec 84**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	98.5	98.2	97.9	97.8	99.1	98.7	**97.4**	2.7	-1.4	1.3
Total Employed (000)	92.4	92.4	92.1	91.9	92.6	92.5	**91.1**	3.5	-1.6	3.3
Unemployment Statistics	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	**Dec 84**			
Total Unemployed (000)	6.1	5.8	5.8	5.9	6.5	6.2	**6.3**	-7.4	1.6	-22.4
Unemployment Rate	6.1	5.9	5.9	6.1	6.6	6.3	**6.4**	-9.9	1.5	-22.9
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Recipients	5,852	5,977	5,744	4,905	5,814	5,890	**5,706**		-3.2	na
Benefits Paid	859,006	866,295	831,507	720,604	842,414	867,857	**837,664**		-3.5	na
Federal Employees										
Recipients	4	25	16	11	9	42	**9**		-78.6	na
Benefits Paid	820	4,163	2,782	1,924	1,594	6,877	**1,785**		-74.1	na
Ex-Servicemen										
Recipients	26	25	20	13	28	30	**30**		0.0	na
Benefits Paid	4,233	4,076	3,221	1,989	4,196	4,756	**4,560**		-4.2	na
Construction	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	**Dec 84**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ Mil)	15.05	15.24	14.66	14.66	14.66	na	**na**	na	na	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)										
Residential	23.6	7.3	9.3	8.1	15.9	4.6	**4.9**	-73.4	6.5	-10.5
Non-Residential	2.2	3.3	3.5	5.5	11.0	5.5	**16.2**	800.0	194.5	72.6
Number Of Construction Contracts	340	99	150	173	492	84	**107**	-80.2	27.3	-23.1
FHB Statistics ($ Mil)	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	**Nov 84**			
Construction										
Condominium	0.5	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	0.0	na
1-to-4 Unit	1.1	0.2	0.8	0.9	0.4	0.4	**0.8**	300.0	100.0	na
5 or More	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	0.0	na
Non-Residential	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	**0.0**	0.0	-100.0	na
Purchases										
Single (New)	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.1	0.2	**0.3**	200.0	50.0	na
Family (Other)	1.0	1.0	1.9	1.9	1.1	0.8	**1.2**	20.0	50.0	na
2-to-4 Unit	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	**0.0**	-100.0	0.0	na
5 or More	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	-100.0	0.0	na
Non-Residential	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	**0.0**	-100.0	0.0	na
Other										
Land Loans	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.4	0.1	**0.1**	-83.4	0.0	na
Refinancing	1.3	1.3	1.4	2.6	1.5	1.9	**3.1**	0.0	63.1	na
All Other	1.0	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.8	**0.5**	-87.2	-37.5	na
Total Loans Closed	5.2	3.6	4.7	10.4	4.5	4.6	**5.9**	-73.4	28.2	na
Loans in Process	12.2	9.6	8.2	7.7	7.4	6.6	**6.1**	-50.0	-7.6	na
General Business Activity	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	**Nov 84**			
Airline Cargo (Tons)	23	12	19	14	11	15	**13**	-38.1	-13.4	-38.9
Airline Passenger Boardings (000)	10.0	10.0	10.0	11.0	10.0	11.0	**11.0**	57.1	0.0	8.2
Telephone Lines (000)	183.4	183.8	184.0	184.8	185.2	185.5	**185.3**	0.0	-0.2	na
Welfare Activity	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	**Dec 84**			
Aid To Dependent Children										
Total Assistance Payments	222,798	217,228	217,718	215,524	221,163	226,421	**232,282**	17.3	2.5	570.4
Persons	4,029	4,038	4,041	4,006	4,121	4,206	**4,307**	17.9	2.4	na
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value	578,270	568,890	583,520	601,126	627,744	662,735	**672,845**	26.4	1.5	na
Recipients	12,931	12,792	13,045	13,314	13,291	13,692	**13,838**	17.4	1.0	na
Medicaid Information										
Claims	4,325	4,843	4,646	4,510	5,066	4,445	**4,315**	-16.4	-3.0	na
Benefits Paid	1,417,226	1,480,452	1,297,178	1,250,090	1,449,506	1,368,005	**1,243,770**	-12.8	-9.1	na
Inpatient - General Hospital	330,974	314,839	268,208	182,444	229,970	262,169	**270,194**	-16.6	3.0	na
ICF Mental	12,234	14,464	21,446	26,889	31,065	33,813	**36,110**	0.0	6.7	na
ICF I Services	564,747	526,309	538,987	555,750	560,271	570,973	**548,055**	5.4	-4.1	na
Physicians	118,777	170,959	156,596	109,348	163,282	113,466	**95,973**	-21.8	-15.5	na
Drugs	143,601	186,348	161,085	156,111	211,449	178,811	**129,289**	-12.9	-27.7	na
Beer Sales Information	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	**Oct 84**			
Number of Cases Sold	187,402	241,014	206,426	197,840	218,899	170,277	**192,856**	12.5	13.2	-1.4
Tax Revenue	20,614	26,512	22,707	21,762	24,079	18,730	**21,214**	12.5	13.2	-1.4
Vital Statistics	Dec 83	Jan 84	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	**Jun 84**			
Births	213	285	254	271	227	283	**266**	2.3	-6.1	-8.6
Deaths	89	95	77	96	77	83	**74**	-17.8	-10.9	-3.5
Revenue Collections	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	**Nov 84**			
Retail Sales Tax - State	3,272,722	3,626,842	3,690,740	4,197,601	4,668,881	4,632,224	**5,468,215**	73.4	18.0	22.7
Severence Tax	507,170	548,810	467,011	444,397	474,456	na	**na**	na	na	na

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New Car Sales	Jan 84	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Buick	37	58	56	48	64	46	40	68	38	47	37	**32**	-15.8	-13.6	8.[illegible]
Cadillac	28	37	19	29	38	35	29	34	36	38	30	**25**	13.6	-16.7	7.[illegible]
Chevrolet	84	85	104	109	115	85	85	86	71	92	87	**63**	-18.2	-27.6	31.[illegible]
Chrysler	27	27	31	13	20	30	23	30	18	26	23	**29**	31.8	26.0	11.[illegible]
Datsun	66	62	42	44	50	77	79	65	42	28	14	**9**	-84.0	-35.8	-14.[illegible]
Dodge	15	18	18	24	18	22	17	30	33	44	28	**18**	63.6	-35.8	55.7
Ford	143	73	101	72	132	93	88	77	69	104	76	**84**	189.6	10.5	30.[illegible]
Honda	21	36	19	34	39	36	24	38	18	20	18	**25**	4.1	38.8	56.[illegible]
Lincoln	7	13	22	20	14	22	31	13	16	22	19	**29**	61.1	52.6	25.9
Mazda	16	25	22	18	17	34	14	26	23	20	27	**14**	-12.5	-48.2	-19.8
Mercury	28	30	31	25	34	34	31	43	30	30	38	**38**	52.0	0.0	30.6
Oldsmobile	52	51	59	72	57	57	65	67	43	35	37	**45**	-19.7	21.6	-7.6
Plymouth	13	25	10	4	12	13	9	6	9	7	36	**17**	41.6	-52.8	47.7
Pontiac	59	42	63	69	61	65	60	66	48	59	41	**53**	26.1	29.2	61.7
Renault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	5	17	11	**7**	0.0	-36.4	na
Toyota	26	26	23	23	27	31	28	41	21	28	26	**25**	56.2	-3.9	6.3
Volkswagen	13	20	1	25	30	17	15	9	15	14	15	**6**	-53.9	-60.0	47.5
Volvo	12	9	20	23	18	16	14	12	6	7	8	**18**	28.5	125.0	17.2
Other	33	51	21	62	75	46	47	46	43	59	86	**80**	66.6	-7.0	29.2
Total Car Sales	680	688	662	714	821	759	699	771	584	697	657	**617**	14.4	-6.1	19.5

New Truck Sales	Jan 84	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Chevrolet	92	90	115	123	146	104	119	113	80	118	91	**89**	4.4	-2.2	20.8
Datsun	16	42	16	27	30	24	21	16	12	33	6	**1**	-94.[illegible]	-83.4	19.6
Dodge	46	50	44	61	51	60	52	45	41	59	42	**43**	48.2	2.3	72.1
Ford	135	112	83	86	105	121	96	81	91	98	76	**58**	26.0	-23.7	30.3
GMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**			
Mazda	13	29	22	10	32	47	31	35	24	28	9	**18**	5.8	100.0	69.3
Toyota	11	15	19	18	23	20	24	29	32	34	27	**23**	283.3	-14.9	93.6
Other	10	13	21	19	9	21	17	19	16	32	78	**62**	1,450.0	-20.6	296.2
Total Truck Sales	323	351	320	344	396	397	360	338	296	402	329	**294**	37.3	-10.7	43.9

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								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Employment Statistics	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	76.9	76.3	75.5	75.2	74.9	74.4	**73.5**	-4.6	***-1.3***	-3.5
Total Employed (000)	66.4	65.9	65.4	65.1	64.8	64.8	**63.2**	-4.3	***-2.5***	-2.7
Unemployment Statistics	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Total Unemployed (000)	10.5	10.4	10.1	10.1	10.1	9.6	**10.3**	-6.4	***7.2***	-8.3
Unemployment Rate	13.7	13.6	13.4	13.4	13.5	12.9	**14.1**	-1.4	***9.3***	-5.0
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Number of Recipients	12,639	13,729	11,613	9,917	10,997	10,824	**10,446**		***-3.5***	na
Benefits Paid	2,000,135	2,136,986	1,786,237	1,520,495	1,655,584	1,597,726	**1,565,542**		***-2.1***	na
Federal Employees										
Number of Recipients	21	17	20	21	19	12	**11**		***-8.4***	na
Benefits Paid	3,756	2,616	3,251	3,186	2,518	1,804	**1,663**		***-7.9***	na
Ex-Servicemen										
Number of Recipients	84	89	65	61	85	64	**53**		***-17.2***	na
Benefits Paid	13,446	13,427	9,370	9,311	12,363	9,399	**7,880**		***-16.2***	na
Construction	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ Mil)	17.08	17.08	17.08	17.49	17.46	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)										
Residential	2.9	2.8	3.2	2.0	1.8	1.6	**2.1**	-58.9	***31.2***	-21.2
Non-Residential	1.7	3.0	1.2	1.9	1.4	1.5	**0.4**	-96.5	***-73.4***	-9.6
Number Of Construction Contracts	64	44	62	42	39	34	**24**	-65.3	***-29.5***	-34.7
Beer Sales Information	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**			
Number of Cases Sold	170,164	198,352	179,765	177,420	198,122	132,765	**164,781**	5.8	***24.1***	-6.6
Tax Revenue	18,718	21,819	19,774	19,516	21,793	14,604	**18,126**	5.8	***24.1***	-6.6
General Business Activity	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**			
Airline Cargo (Tons)	5.0	7.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	9.0	**9.0**	50.0	***0.0***	20.5
Airline Passenger Boardings (000)	3.8	4.0	3.7	4.0	4.0	4.0	**4.0**	33.3	***0.0***	20.6
Telephone Lines (000)	92.8	92.7	93.1	93.4	93.6	93.8	**93.6**	0.0	***-0.3***	na
Lake Charles Port Activity	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Port Shipments (000 Tons)										
Imports	137.5	102.8	100.5	88.0	206.3	79.9	**101.0**	0.0	***26.4***	na
Exports	304.2	224.7	243.8	226.0	302.5	330.4	**188.5**	0.0	***-43.0***	na
Private Facilities (000 Tons)										
Imports	639.4	548.6	885.2	710.2	521.6	1,022.9	**776.7**	0.0	***-24.1***	na
Exports	651.5	743.5	555.5	488.7	574.1	527.9	**492.9**	0.0	***-6.7***	na
Welfare Activity	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Aid To Dependent Children										
Total Assistance Payments	347,424	347,689	344,712	346,211	358,672	355,084	**362,769**	18.8	***2.1***	na
Persons	6,202	6,279	6,267	6,246	6,480	6,382	**6,560**	19.1	***2.7***	na
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value	1,010,103	1,020,374	1,029,967	1,040,367	1,092,333	1,142,390	**1,164,462**	32.3	***1.9***	na
Recipients	21,706	21,941	21,981	22,021	21,910	22,328	**22,771**	20.4	***1.9***	na
Medicaid Information										
Claims	5,258	6,077	5,551	5,545	5,900	5,307	**4,937**	-20.2	***-7.0***	na
Benefits Paid	1,960,565	2,247,618	1,961,332	2,050,077	2,185,155	2,035,892	**1,824,020**	-4.6	***-10.5***	na
Inpatient - General Hospital	403,483	463,046	314,985	308,434	405,462	321,893	**252,207**	-25.3	***-21.7***	na
ICF Mental	325,890	387,944	386,268	385,921	389,514	409,960	**434,571**	37.9	***6.0***	na
ICF I Services	620,315	631,503	673,187	669,560	659,636	718,261	**646,914**	1.3	***-10.0***	na
Physicians	157,566	205,291	165,396	134,826	188,765	140,987	**124,701**	-20.2	***-11.6***	na
Drugs	179,793	190,270	169,458	149,564	182,098	164,189	**118,179**	-17.2	***-28.1***	na
Vital Statistics	**Dec 83**	**Jan 84**	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**			
Births	276	259	258	256	237	227	**236**	-15.5	***3.9***	-10.6
Deaths	127	128	107	114	109	108	**89**	-32.6	***-17.6***	-3.6
Revenue Collections	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**			
Retail Sales Tax - State	1,984,993	2,345,348	2,100,754	2,438,971	2,737,214	2,511,655	**2,656,514**	42.1	***5.7***	17.7
Severence Tax	1,305,288	1,653,951	1,610,111	1,298,482	1,009,448	2,207,101	**1,700,528**	43.8	***-23.0***	21.0

New Car Sales	**Jan 84**	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Buick	39	74	54	52	40	77	53	32	37	37	26	**34**	-34.7	***30.7***	4.7
Cadillac	14	13	8	6	17	11	11	15	17	10	11	**10**	-37.5	***-9.1***	-5.3
Chevrolet	84	59	97	109	104	90	89	85	60	85	75	**75**	-21.1	***0.0***	7.2
Chrysler	0	0	0	0	2	3	3	3	2	2	5	**11**	0.0	***120.0***	na
Datsun	58	46	32	41	43	51	58	59	28	29	4	**1**	-97.8	***-75.0***	-17.9
Dodge	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	6	**17**	0.0	***183.3***	na
Ford	49	71	76	74	99	83	65	87	71	60	55	**45**	-11.8	***-18.2***	17.9
Honda	27	17	32	22	18	20	24	27	12	18	14	**16**	33.3	***14.2***	58.3
Lincoln	3	7	13	16	16	19	8	17	13	20	21	**14**	100.0	***-33.4***	15.1
Mazda	3	6	6	5	3	5	5	8	6	8	6	**3**	-40.0	***-50.0***	-31.2
Mercury	16	23	31	22	43	25	27	29	37	32	29	**20**	-13.1	***-31.1***	16.3
Oldsmobile	46	53	64	65	85	69	57	68	57	48	41	**30**	-53.9	***-26.9***	-19.9
Plymouth	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	8	**8**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Pontiac	73	70	87	58	71	95	48	71	65	76	53	**27**	-35.8	***-49.1***	31.4
Renault	11	2	12	6	8	6	9	5	7	18	10	**4**	300.0	***-60.0***	122.7
Toyota	15	14	9	17	17	11	23	27	18	31	27	**16**	6.6	***-40.8***	-5.9
Volkswagen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**			
Volvo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**			
Other	14	12	6	11	14	14	17	16	17	29	56	**36**	350.0	***-35.8***	69.2
Total Car Sales	452	467	527	504	584	580	499	549	448	503	447	**367**	-15.9	***-17.9***	8.8

Economic Indicators: Lake Charles Area

													Per Cent Change		
													Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
													Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
New Truck Sales	**Jan 84**	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Chevrolet	95	94	101	97	90	89	82	99	71	84	63	**64**	-18.0	1.5	5.1
Datsun	15	44	36	17	23	32	22	17	18	27	0	**1**	-91.7	0.0	31.2
Dodge	0	0	0	1	8	9	3	3	4	13	17	**30**	0.0	76.4	**
Ford	89	83	89	100	121	88	80	83	71	80	70	**66**	-44.6	-5.8	0.0
GMC	52	49	64	62	86	87	59	83	61	95	86	**47**	-9.7	-45.4	23.8
Mazda	2	5	10	2	4	6	3	8	6	3	5	**1**	-83.4	-80.0	22.2
Toyota	7	11	10	11	11	14	20	22	22	26	31	**16**	77.7	-48.4	101.0
Other	23	13	10	14	41	24	16	25	25	33	52	**69**	331.2	32.6	134.6
Total Truck Sales	283	299	320	304	384	349	285	340	278	361	324	**294**	0.6	-9.3	21.4

turing activities were both depressed. Although a decline in the LEI during one month does not definitely suggest a decrease in economic activities activities in the future, it might indicate a subdued outlook for the state economy in the next 6 to 9 months.

General sales tax collection were 4.6 percent lower in December than in November and 4.1 percent higher than in December 1983. The value of construction contracts was 14.6 percent less than in October and 8.7 percent less than in December 1983. New Car Sales in December were 11.5 percent less than in November and 14.4 percent less than in December 1983. Comparing the latest twelve months with the prior twelve months, general sales taxes were 24.1 percent higher in the current period, due in part to the sales tax rate increase. The value of construction was 8.5 percent higher and new car sales were 4.8 percent higher.

Metropolitan Areas

Table 1 shows the latest information on unemployment rates and changes in employment in Louisiana and its metropolitan areas during the past year. The Lafayette metro area has the lowest unemployment rate in the state, while Lake Charles continues to have the highest rate. The national ranking in column 5 of the table shows that areas with higher unemployment rates had a higher ranking and vice versa. The ranking of 52 for Baton Rouge means that 188 metro areas in the nation had a lower unemployment rate and 51 a higher unemployment rate. Lake Charles had the 8th highest unemployment rate among the 240 metro areas of the country. The rankings, by unemployment rates, of all the metro areas within Louisiana decreased in November, which means that the unemployment rates of the metro areas in Louisiana decreased in comparison with the other metropolitan areas in the U.S.

Comparing December 1984 with December 1983, Houma/Thibodaux experienced the highest percentage increase in employment among the metro areas,followed by Shreveport and Lafayette. During the past twelve months, employment in Houma/Thibodaux grew 4.4 percent while employment in Shreveport grew 4.0 percent. Shreveport had the greatest absolute increase in nonagricultural wage and salary employment (4400), followed by Baton Rouge (3600). The Shreveport economy experienced employment gains in durables manufacturing (12.6%), construction (4.3%), retail trade (4.0%), finance, insurance and real estate (5.0%), and smaller percentage gains in services and government. The Baton Rouge economy experienced gains in durables manufacturing (10.2%), retail trade (4.8%), services (3.9%), finance insurance and real estate (3.2%) and a slight gain in construction.

The state unadjusted unemployment rate for January should be slightly higher than 10.4% recorded in December due to the seasonal layoff in retail and wholeesale trade ; most metropolitan areas should show a similar increase in unemployment rates. Although the unemployment rates will show some seasonal decreases during the Spring months, major improvements in the state or local economies during the next six months are not likely to occur.

The Louisiana Economic Indicator

The purpose of the Louisiana Leading Economic Indicator is to provide monthly projections of the direction which Louisiana 's economy is likely to take in the following 3 to 9 months. The index is based on 1976 equal to 100 but the value of the index is not as important as the changes in it from month to month.

Two other characteristics of the index are important. First, the Leading Economic Indicator forecasts general trends in the state 's economy for the months that follow. The Louisiana Economic Indicator "leads" changes in the state 's personal income, employment and earnings. For example, the decline in the index during the first eight months of 1982 correctly forecasted the decrease in personal income and employment which occured in

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Economic Indicators: Alexandria Area

Per Cent Change

Employment Statistics	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	78.8	78.1	79.8	80.0	80.0	79.4	**78.1**	2.3	-1.7	1.7
Total Employed (000)	71.5	70.9	72.3	72.5	71.9	70.8	**69.2**	0.8	-2.3	3.5

Unemployment Statistics	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Total Unemployed (000)	7.3	7.2	7.5	7.5	8.1	8.6	**8.9**	15.5	3.4	-12.9
Unemployment Rate	9.3	9.2	9.4	9.4	10.1	10.8	**11.4**	11.7	5.5	-14.2
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Recipients	5,281	5,424	5,564	4,657	5,696	6,064	**6,654**		9.7	na
Benefits Paid	694,821	707,781	683,631	602,698	758,106	829,328	**938,112**		13.1	na
Federal Employees										
Recipients	83	118	112	89	90	72	**62**		-13.9	na
Benefits Paid	7,736	11,551	12,199	11,267	12,295	11,176	**10,292**		-8.0	na
Ex-Servicemen										
Recipients	97	105	131	116	144	121	**131**		8.2	na
Benefits Paid	13,159	14,732	19,284	17,667	21,802	17,935	**18,320**		2.1	na

Construction	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Highway Construction Contracts ($ Mil)	67.57	67.97	71.45	71.45	70.84	na	**na**	na	na	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)										
Residential	4.1	4.0	6.5	4.1	3.0	2.8	**2.2**	-70.7	-21.5	-30.9
Non-Residential	3.0	2.7	1.8	4.1	5.6	3.1	**3.1**	210.0	0.0	23.8
Number Of Construction Contracts	62	63	83	66	66	48	**34**	-78.9	-29.2	-34.8

General Business Activity	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Airline Cargo (Tons)	3	5	4	3	4	9	**6**	-87.5	-33.4	-85.4
Airline Passenger Boardings (000)	3.8	4.0	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.3	**3.3**	10.0	0.0	-22.8
Telephone Lines (000)	98.8	99.0	99.1	99.3	99.7	99.7	**99.6**	0.0	-0.2	na

Welfare Activity	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Aid To Dependent Children										
Total Assistance Payments	340,427	332,027	335,149	332,872	335,291	331,562	**342,422**	9.9	3.2	na
Persons	6,207	6,095	6,220	6,130	6,153	6,066	**56,936**	895.7	838.6	na
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value	860,574	852,838	854,066	866,289	910,341	965,206	**975,037**	17.6	1.0	na
Recipients	20,046	19,990	19,979	19,919	19,736	20,364	**20,671**	7.5	1.5	na
Medicaid Information										
Claims	8,658	9,512	8,826	8,684	9,649	8,753	**8,302**	-19.9	-5.2	na
Benefits Paid	5,786,933	5,858,245	5,907,269	5,740,892	6,182,117	5,824,239	**5,745,420**	0.0	-1.4	na
Inpatient - General Hospital	511,430	404,908	401,413	319,368	456,135	273,204	**336,721**	-33.3	23.2	na
ICF Mental	3,486,744	3,529,396	3,682,428	3,600,083	3,690,881	3,663,587	**3,726,799**	8.6	1.7	na
ICF I Services	1,019,639	1,029,044	1,087,016	1,080,938	1,066,980	1,093,278	**1,094,705**	2.8	0.1	na
Physicians	160,154	199,957	158,473	137,123	235,329	191,004	**132,409**	0.5	-30.7	na
Drugs	212,394	296,606	227,870	245,642	287,325	276,259	**171,484**	-16.0	-38.0	na

Beer Sales Information	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Number of Cases Sold	118,343	142,250	121,169	130,555	137,741	95,041	**114,362**	14.5	20.3	2.2
Tax Revenue	13,018	15,647	13,329	14,361	15,152	10,455	**12,580**	14.4	20.3	2.2

Vital Statistics	Dec 83	Jan 84	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Births	197	243	208	222	199	223	**191**	-15.2	-14.4	-2.0
Deaths	107	153	137	106	105	109	**104**	2.9	-4.6	-0.4

Revenue Collections	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Retail Sales Tax - State	1,272,591	1,288,415	1,334,988	1,684,655	1,738,892	1,664,952	**1,585,983**	31.4	-4.8	13.6
Severence Tax	170,830	191,400	184,018	171,315	174,425	112,842	**181,141**	-37.2	60.5	-9.1

New Car Sales	Jan 84	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Buick	29	24	39	44	27	51	27	48	35	23	23	**21**	-16.0	-8.7	-0.1
Cadillac	8	7	15	7	10	15	11	5	12	5	4	**12**	-14.3	200.0	-24.0
Chevrolet	72	52	55	71	58	55	54	49	60	53	37	**26**	-41.0	-29.8	20.0
Chrysler	3	9	3	6	7	14	9	9	5	13	7	**4**	33.3	-42.9	28.9
Datsun	22	22	17	15	18	29	16	26	12	7	1	**4**	-80.0	300.0	-36.2
Dodge	11	7	9	9	8	9	4	7	9	10	9	**5**	0.0	-44.5	6.5
Ford	56	65	54	36	59	62	54	59	67	46	50	**39**	-22.0	-22.0	10.4
Honda	26	28	26	25	18	23	16	25	13	16	19	**16**	6.6	-15.8	41.8
Lincoln	8	3	8	5	12	19	9	12	8	8	21	**8**	14.2	-62.0	8.0
Mazda	12	11	8	11	15	11	13	15	12	14	9	**4**	-55.6	-55.6	-24.2
Mercury	14	14	28	30	42	43	15	23	35	34	30	**23**	109.0	-23.4	190.3
Oldsmobile	81	75	93	59	80	73	54	45	52	55	29	**30**	-47.4	3.4	-23.1
Plymouth	3	8	5	4	9	6	1	8	10	16	6	**2**	-33.4	-66.7	16.4
Pontiac	33	36	36	32	34	54	32	40	31	46	28	**15**	-46.5	-46.5	8.3
Renault	1	8	8	6	3	7	10	5	6	6	2	**6**	200.0	200.0	325.0
Toyota	13	19	6	15	11	8	12	14	10	4	19	**4**	-66.7	-79.0	-34.1
Volkswagen	2	2	1	1	4	5	3	3	5	0	0	**1**	-66.7	0.0	42.1
Volvo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	0.0	na
Other	9	21	10	14	20	13	19	19	15	15	30	**25**	177.7	-16.7	-10.1
Total Car Sales	403	411	421	390	435	497	359	412	397	371	324	**245**	-24.9	-24.4	2.1

Economic Indicators: Alexandria Area — Per Cent Change

New Truck Sales	Jan 84	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Chevrolet	48	52	53	70	42	83	53	56	58	40	45	**34**	-52.8	-24.5	-6.1
Datsun	10	18	8	13	13	22	13	7	6	12	0	**2**	-71.5	0.0	16.9
Dodge	34	34	31	30	14	65	20	25	23	23	14	**6**	-62.5	-57.2	38.0
Ford	85	94	87	81	98	115	104	94	80	108	67	**54**	-52.7	-19.5	2.3
GMC	15	8	13	14	24	12	14	14	14	17	15	**13**	-27.8	-13.4	-9.0
Mazda	8	12	18	2	16	8	15	8	10	13	13	**3**	-66.7	-77.0	3.2
Toyota	17	11	9	14	15	8	12	7	11	3	12	**9**	80.0	-25.0	5.7
Other	14	14	18	22	29	32	24	21	39	28	33	**25**	19.0	-24.3	59.8
Total Truck Sales	231	243	237	246	251	345	255	232	241	244	199	**146**	-44.3	-26.7	7.2

the latter part of 1982 and the early part of 1983; the upward trend in the indicator in the latter part of 1982 preceded the increase in Louisiana 's personal income, employment and earnings which begin in March of 1983.

A second characteristic is that the Leading Economic Indicator is much more volatile than the measurements of general economic activity such as personal income or employment. Thus, the Leading Economic Indicator might decrease by 6 or 7 percent as it did between January and August, 1982. However, the state 's economy might experience only a one percent decrease in employment or personal income.

By their very nature, leading economic indicators are relatively simplistic and can not capture all of the influences being exerted on the economy. However, if they are used with caution they can provide some indication of the future direction of the economy. The index is updated and revised each month.

Table 1

Data on Louisiana Metropolitan Areas

State/Metro Areas	Unemployment Rate Dec. 1984 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Unemployment Rate Nov. 1984 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Unemployment Rate Dec. 1983 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Ranking by Unadjusted Unemployment Rates Among 51 States and 240 Metro Areas Nov. 1984*	% Change in Number of Persons Employed 12/83-12/84
Louisiana	10.4%	10.8%	10.2%	10.4%	10.3%	10.7%	6**	3.2%
Alexandria	11.4%	11.2%	10.8%	11.1%	10.2%	10.0%	26	0.9%
Baton Rouge	9.3%	9.6%	9.2%	9.3%	8.4%	8.7%	52	3.0%
Houma/Thibodaux	10.3%	na	10.2%	na	11.3%	na	27	4.4%
Lafayette	6.4%	6.6%	6.3%	6.2%	7.1%	7.3%	121	3.5%
Lake Charles	14.1%	14.4%	12.9%	12.9%	14.3%	14.7%	8	4.2%
Monroe	9.8%	9.9%	9.8%	9.8%	10.0%	10.2%	32	2.1%
New Orleans	10.1%	10.6%	10.0%	9.7%	9.1%	9.5%	36	0.9%
Shreveport	8.3%	8.0%	7.9%	7.9%	9.7%	9.4%	71	4.0%

*Ranked from highest unemployment rate. The metropolitan area with the highest unemployment rate is ranked number 1 and the area with the lowest unemployment rate is ranked number 240.

**Louisiana 's rank among the 51 states.

Economic Indicators: Shreveport AREA

								Per Cent Change		
								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Employment Statistics	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	176.1	172.8	172.3	174.2	174.4	173.6	**173.3**	2.4	-0.2	1.0
Total Employed (000)	162.9	159.8	159.5	161.1	160.7	159.8	**158.9**	3.9	-0.6	4.3
Average Weekly Manufacturing Earnings	397.58	381.44	402.11	419.89	407.41	434.51	**438.69**	7.3	0.9	8.9
Average Weekly Manufacturing Hours	41.2	39.9	41.2	42.2	40.7	41.5	**41.9**	1.9	0.9	4.5
Unemployment Statistics	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Total Unemployed (000)	13.2	13.0	12.8	13.1	13.7	13.8	**14.4**	-12.2	4.3	-29.1
Unemployment Rate	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.5	7.9	7.9	**8.3**	-14.5	5.0	-29.8
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Number of Recipients	12,567	14,207	12,135	10,614	13,253	13,720	**13,848**	na	0.9	na
Benefits Paid	1,628,404	1,835,376	1,546,245	1,413,081	1,799,152	1,830,672	**1,831,571**	na	0.0	na
Federal Employees										
Number of Recipients	67	73	53	35	66	165	**68**	na	-58.8	na
Benefits Paid	8,084	8,537	5,902	4,082	6,601	21,859	**7,285**	na	-66.7	na
Ex-Servicemen										
Number of Recipients	155	190	218	237	258	210	**166**	na	-21.0	na
Benefits Paid	22,547	27,462	32,338	35,359	38,756	31,380	**24,827**	na	-20.9	na
Construction	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ Mil)	96.34	96.48	96.57	97.27	93.97	na	**na**	na	na	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)										
Residential	11.5	13.0	16.7	18.3	18.2	13.2	**6.3**	-78.3	-52.3	0.4
Non-Residential	17.9	5.9	44.7	11.6	20.3	9.4	**5.9**	51.2	-37.3	51.3
Number Of Construction Contracts	204	367	427	307	231	236	**216**	-71.9	-8.5	4.7
FHA Statistics ($ Mil)	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84			
Construction										
Condominium	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	-100.0	0.0	na
1-to-4 Unit	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	-100.0	0.0	na
5 or More	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	**6.0**	0.0	2,900.0	na
Non-Residential	0.8	6.7	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.4	**0.5**	150.0	25.0	na
Purchases										
Single (New)	1.1	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.3	**0.3**	50.0	0.0	na
Family (Other)	0.9	1.6	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.5	**0.2**	-71.5	-60.0	na
2-to-4 Unit	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	0.0	na
5 or More	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	0.0	na
Non-Residential	0.3	0.1	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.3	**0.4**	0.0	33.3	na
Other										
Land Loans	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	0.0	na
Refinancing	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	-100.0	0.0	na
All Other	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.9	0.4	1.2	**1.3**	550.0	8.3	na
Total Loans Closed	4.2	10.5	2.9	4.0	1.5	2.8	**8.7**	10.1	210.7	na
Loans in Process	16.1	19.9	17.9	15.8	14.2	12.4	**15.2**	-56.4	22.5	na
General Business Activity	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84			
Airline Cargo (Tons)	968	940	897	1,336	1,005	1,035	**1,002**	15.1	-3.2	24.1
Airline Passenger Boardings (000)	30.0	30.0	29.0	30.0	25.0	28.0	**25.0**	-3.9	-10.7	-14.0
Telephone Lines (000)	191.2	191.6	192.2	192.7	193.3	193.5	**193.0**	0.0	-0.3	na
Welfare Activity	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Aid To Dependent Children										
Total Assistance Payments	911,081	891,728	905,891	891,540	904,699	908,054	**922,776**	8.9	1.6	na
Persons	16,657	16,458	16,820	16,533	16,742	16,835	**17,079**	9.6	1.4	na
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value	2,228,025	2,213,998	2,200,675	2,241,096	2,358,215	2,463,227	**2,472,809**	12.4	0.3	na
Recipients	50,501	50,199	50,135	50,215	49,975	51,022	**51,183**	3.5	0.3	na
Medicaid Information										
Claims	12,271	13,699	12,290	11,311	14,490	12,054	**10,558**	-29.6	-12.5	na
Benefits Paid	4,461,684	4,652,118	4,577,313	4,403,634	5,094,440	4,379,123	**4,293,862**	-0.3	-2.0	na
Inpatient - General Hospital	656,047	685,283	521,929	484,429	642,024	377,047	**392,026**	-36.8	3.9	na
ICF Mental	1,385,442	1,424,798	1,580,248	1,529,317	1,541,442	1,538,258	**1,539,628**	12.0	0.0	na
ICF I Services	1,452,315	1,388,566	1,601,347	1,563,523	1,607,306	1,591,498	**1,601,266**	5.5	0.6	na
Physicians	223,381	231,386	206,886	152,892	231,039	202,950	**164,186**	-11.6	-19.2	na
Drugs	292,184	422,110	305,598	283,466	431,511	296,204	**244,531**	-4.3	-17.5	na
Beer Sales Information	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84			
Number of Cases Sold	382,523	457,915	368,409	429,718	466,831	315,629	**378,573**	5.4	19.9	-1.7
Tax Revenue	42,077	50,371	40,526	47,269	51,352	34,720	**41,643**	5.4	19.9	-1.7
Vital Statistics	Dec 83	Jan 84	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84			
Births	541	614	564	610	549	528	**565**	0.5	7.0	-2.7
Deaths	305	342	378	342	258	273	**233**	-14.7	-14.7	0.1
Revenue Collections	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84			
Retail Sales Tax - State	4,744,621	6,338,216	5,453,361	5,997,536	6,536,771	4,855,147	**5,973,699**	35.6	23.0	17.6
Severence Tax	2,705,025	1,863,854	3,096,634	2,623,378	3,340,655	2,087,830	**2,734,509**	11.9	30.9	-9.9

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New Car Sales	Jan 84	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Buick	105	74	76	112	117	112	104	165	83	82	66	**62**	-3.2	*-6.1*	16.8
Cadillac	47	49	43	42	46	42	40	58	39	31	35	**34**	-35.9	*-2.9*	-10.3
Chevrolet	191	162	222	174	183	207	195	180	163	198	112	**103**	28.5	*-8.1*	12.1
Chrysler	30	31	39	40	43	50	37	49	34	40	30	**26**	8.3	*-13.4*	5.6
Datsun	54	40	32	34	30	45	47	49	32	13	9	**9**	-72.8	*0.0*	-25.6
Dodge	25	25	22	33	34	36	26	26	22	42	31	**18**	-25.0	*-42.0*	-13.5
Ford	226	203	146	166	137	231	142	131	124	231	208	**187**	25.5	*-10.1*	0.2
Honda	37	40	32	48	29	33	16	43	17	31	26	**21**	-8.7	*-19.3*	30.4
Lincoln	49	76	95	33	52	40	28	45	75	82	44	**27**	92.8	*-38.7*	75.0
Mazda	15	18	24	21	15	15	28	14	27	29	16	**15**	-28.6	*-6.3*	-18.0
Mercury	91	90	96	82	110	88	70	88	75	98	64	**56**	0.0	*-12.5*	24.1
Oldsmobile	194	237	231	162	244	225	171	164	139	125	122	**104**	-40.6	*-14.8*	5.9
Plymouth	14	15	20	21	27	26	23	19	15	24	12	**17**	21.4	*41.6*	32.3
Pontiac	109	83	108	89	116	139	91	130	96	127	84	**55**	-28.6	*-34.6*	24.9
Renault	12	29	16	16	20	23	22	18	12	13	20	**10**	-58.4	*-50.0*	37.9
Toyota	48	37	15	34	43	35	47	66	22	50	43	**30**	-41.2	*-30.3*	-27.4
Volkswagen	8	6	10	15	12	8	6	6	14	7	7	**10**	-33.4	*42.8*	31.3
Volvo	5	12	8	3	6	6	16	6	2	2	3	**6**	50.0	*100.0*	-3.9
Other	62	43	44	62	57	51	43	30	29	48	88	**72**	67.4	*-18.2*	-1.0
Total Car Sales	1,322	1,270	1,279	1,187	1,321	1,412	1,152	1,287	1,020	1,273	1,020	**862**	-14.5	*-15.5*	7.4
New Truck Sales	**Jan 84**	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Chevrolet	160	123	139	180	213	178	143	153	150	167	129	**106**	-28.9	*-17.9*	0.1
Datsun	7	35	14	11	20	19	16	8	11	5	2	**3**	-77.0	*50.0*	11.0
Dodge	49	60	65	71	49	76	76	56	45	71	54	**44**	-20.0	*-18.6*	32.3
Ford	161	183	210	198	210	216	160	189	159	192	195	**122**	-18.2	*-37.5*	20.9
GMC	30	29	21	29	26	29	30	25	23	26	14	**16**	-27.3	*14.2*	15.0
Mazda	14	24	19	19	14	19	20	16	22	20	6	**12**	-33.4	*100.0*	35.7
Toyota	19	21	7	22	28	31	21	27	24	24	16	**24**	50.0	*50.0*	40.4
Other	57	53	94	53	61	76	45	65	63	65	57	**46**	6.9	*-19.3*	59.7
Total Truck Sales	497	528	569	583	621	644	511	539	497	570	473	**373**	-19.8	*-21.2*	18.8

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								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Employment Statistics	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	61.1	60.3	60.7	59.5	60.1	60.2	**59.8**	1.8	-0.7	-0.7
Total Employed (000)	55.4	54.6	55.1	54.0	54.2	54.3	**53.9**	2.0	-0.8	1.2
Unemployment Statistics	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Total Unemployed (000)	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.9	5.9	**5.9**	0.0	0.0	-16.2
Unemployment Rate	9.3	9.5	9.2	9.2	9.8	9.8	**9.8**	-2.0	0.0	-15.2
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Recipients	8,128	8,494	7,669	6,168	7,204	6,824	**6,743**	na	-1.2	na
Benefits Paid	1,076,724	1,122,670	995,320	797,361	951,144	878,329	**858,248**	na	-2.3	na
Federal Employees										
Recipients	36	31	39	29	24	74	**30**	na	-59.5	na
Benefits Paid	4,365	3,321	3,871	2,511	2,109	11,808	**4,108**	na	-65.3	na
Ex-Servicemen										
Recipients	75	55	73	80	119	122	**91**	na	-25.5	na
Benefits Paid	9,514	7,490	10,310	11,791	17,411	17,765	**13,607**	na	-23.5	na
Construction	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ Mil)	22.66	23.92	22.69	21.07	21.07	na	**na**	na	na	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)										
Residential	2.5	6.8	4.7	4.4	6.3	2.5	**9.7**	470.5	288.0	30.2
Non-Residential	0.4	1.0	2.7	15.0	2.2	17.8	**6.4**	255.5	-64.1	22.5
Number Of Construction Contracts	44	79	71	78	121	43	**206**	635.7	379.0	24.2
FHB Statistics ($ Mil)	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84			
Construction										
Condominium	0.0	3.7	0.0	0.0	10.2	3.8	**0.0**	0.0	-100.0	na
1-to-4 Unit	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	**0.1**	0.0	-50.0	na
5 or More	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	0.0	na
Non-Residential	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	**0.3**	0.0	0.0	na
Purchases										
Single (New)	0.0	3.4	2.6	1.0	0.7	0.5	**1.3**	0.0	160.0	na
Family (Other)	0.0	3.5	3.1	1.6	1.4	1.9	**3.4**	0.0	78.9	na
2-to-4 Unit	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	**0.9**	0.0	0.0	na
5 or More	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.0	2.9	**0.0**	0.0	-100.0	na
Non-Residential	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	**0.0**	0.0	-100.0	na
Other										
Land Loans	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	1.7	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	0.0	na
Refinancing	0.0	1.8	1.3	0.8	1.3	0.5	**0.6**	0.0	20.0	na
All Other	0.0	0.2	1.4	3.7	0.7	1.6	**0.0**	0.0	-100.0	na
Total Loans Closed	0.0	13.4	8.9	8.8	16.1	11.7	**6.6**	-43.6	-43.6	na
Loans in Process	0.0	46.5	41.2	35.9	33.0	29.3	**25.7**	0.0	-12.3	na
Beer Sales Information	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84			
Number of Cases Sold	140,680	152,016	160,670	154,701	171,733	123,111	**138,621**	0.6	12.5	-3.1
Tax Revenue	15,475	16,721	17,674	17,017	18,891	13,542	**15,248**	0.6	12.5	-3.1
General Business Activity	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84			
Airline Cargo (Tons)	19	15	17	18	14	15	**8**	-66.7	-46.7	-12.4
Airline Passenger Boardings (000)	8.0	8.0	8.0	9.0	7.0	8.0	**7.0**	-12.5	-12.5	1.3
Telephone Lines (000)	128.6	128.9	129.0	129.4	130.2	130.4	**130.1**	0.0	-0.3	na
Welfare Activity	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Aid To Dependent Children										
Total Assistance Payments	573,372	559,314	556,406	557,289	570,035	567,411	**577,548**	9.7	1.7	na
Persons	10,588	10,377	10,326	10,340	10,583	10,519	**10,744**	10.2	2.1	na
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value	1,306,762	1,286,610	1,274,935	1,305,002	1,373,456	1,422,935	**1,418,727**	12.9	-0.3	na
Recipients	29,677	29,560	29,302	29,491	29,321	29,859	**29,781**	4.1	-0.3	na
Medicaid Information										
Claims	9,449	10,514	9,164	9,156	10,313	9,271	**8,570**	-22.3	-7.6	na
Benefits Paid	2,833,721	2,881,658	2,322,168	2,578,511	2,991,240	2,739,619	**2,292,895**	-14.8	-16.4	na
Inpatient - General Hospital	560,071	372,787	236,252	469,885	427,149	380,242	**285,286**	-38.9	-25.0	na
ICF Mental	252,578	221,900	212,784	213,700	395,752	388,935	**293,623**	15.7	-24.6	na
ICF I Services	965,922	964,349	1,006,150	1,009,336	1,028,823	1,035,067	**1,015,500**	9.5	-1.9	na
Physicians	342,607	409,149	231,188	251,218	349,552	301,669	**240,734**	-15.0	-20.2	na
Drugs	301,659	435,231	337,929	315,217	452,751	336,566	**244,975**	-28.0	-27.3	na
Vital Statistics	Dec 83	Jan 84	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84			
Births	143	260	248	272	222	222	**215**	-14.0	-3.2	-10.7
Deaths	121	137	144	134	115	118	**90**	-22.5	-23.8	-3.2
Revenue Collections	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84			
Retail Sales Tax - State	2,040,777	2,324,020	2,731,163	3,598,562	3,523,979	2,860,474	**2,684,378**	91.9	-6.2	32.0
Severence Tax	172,588	162,042	92,757	256,826	156,869	161,774	**191,501**	19.5	18.3	-5.5

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													Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
New Car Sales	Jan 84	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Buick	50	51	41	61	63	49	40	65	40	39	36	**34**	-39.3	*-5.6*	-15.9
Cadillac	30	12	15	22	23	16	27	20	14	14	17	**14**	-44.0	*-17.7*	4.6
Chevrolet	71	55	50	45	63	53	36	45	49	63	42	**40**	-7.0	*-4.8*	0.6
Chrysler	7	4	7	9	24	21	14	15	16	20	15	**14**	0.0	*-6.7*	31.7
Datsun	31	15	13	21	19	19	20	19	20	13	7	**4**	-80.0	*-42.9*	-38.0
Dodge	8	14	12	9	16	16	17	12	13	15	30	**7**	-30.0	*-76.7*	111.2
Ford	46	62	66	62	73	61	60	54	41	78	47	**47**	2.1	*0.0*	21.4
Honda	24	27	22	35	29	30	35	42	14	28	43	**29**	38.0	*-32.6*	51.0
Lincoln	8	9	9	14	16	23	19	12	20	25	17	**19**	72.7	*11.7*	14.3
Mazda	16	23	12	22	19	22	18	17	19	29	21	**13**	-41.0	*-38.1*	-11.2
Mercury	25	37	16	26	44	34	33	52	40	40	32	**33**	106.2	*3.1*	39.6
Oldsmobile	72	76	110	95	65	92	72	67	54	58	67	**39**	-59.8	*-41.8*	-10.5
Plymouth	3	2	7	1	10	5	6	7	9	11	15	**9**	800.0	*-40.0*	157.5
Pontiac	35	20	27	34	43	56	43	45	36	31	39	**21**	0.0	*-46.2*	73.3
Renault	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	2	2	1	3	**1**	-80.0	*-66.7*	-75.9
Toyota	18	11	18	18	14	31	27	30	23	31	29	**30**	100.0	*3.4*	10.2
Volkswagen	5	3	3	3	8	10	5	4	2	3	0	**9**	350.0	*0.0*	189.4
Volvo	6	5	10	9	13	15	5	13	6	9	8	**4**	-50.0	*-50.0*	28.7
Other	28	24	13	19	28	18	13	19	10	26	27	**30**	130.7	*11.1*	107.3
Total Car Sales	483	452	452	508	570	571	490	540	428	534	495	**397**	-11.0	*-19.8*	10.6
New Truck Sales	Jan 84	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Chevrolet	71	64	54	57	83	68	71	60	71	96	62	**63**	6.7	*1.6*	5.8
Datsun	7	18	17	15	11	14	7	5	3	11	0	**0**	-100.0	*0.0*	-1.9
Dodge	17	12	16	20	28	24	29	19	21	20	24	**18**	12.5	*-25.0*	108.4
Ford	64	58	87	90	96	104	106	84	67	126	75	**50**	-21.9	*-33.4*	30.6
GMC	29	37	36	29	45	38	21	47	26	43	27	**23**	-57.3	*-14.9*	5.2
Mazda	31	41	12	27	26	30	15	27	28	30	19	**14**	7.6	*-26.4*	32.1
Toyota	20	8	12	19	10	21	13	16	15	10	17	**17**	70.0	*0.0*	21.0
Other	29	21	37	21	19	36	21	25	18	37	26	**36**	-12.2	*38.4*	13.9
Total Truck Sales	268	259	271	278	318	335	283	283	249	373	250	**221**	-17.3	*-11.6*	20.3

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								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Unemployment Statistics	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Recipients	7,979	7,780	7,806	6,506	7,083	8,345	**7,887**	na	*-5.5*	na
Benefits Paid	1,200,328	1,153,119	1,119,082	954,102	1,041,816	1,318,060	**1,229,085**	na	*-6.8*	na
Federal Employees										
Recipients	7	7	14	12	14	12	**11**	na	*-8.4*	na
Benefits Paid	1,021	803	2,088	1,620	1,713	1,293	**975**	na	*-24.6*	na
Ex-Servicemen										
Recipients	24	14	14	10	5	3	**7**	na	*133.3*	na
Benefits Paid	3,472	2,204	2,402	1,634	765	459	**1,071**	na	*133.3*	na
Construction	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ Mil)	37.59	37.59	36.31	84.40	85.08	0.00	**na**	na	*na*	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)										
Residential	7.5	3.8	4.3	4.0	4.9	2.9	**1.8**	0.0	*-38.0*	na
Non-Residential	1.0	1.3	8.5	0.2	0.9	0.7	**3.8**	0.0	*442.8*	na
Number Of Construction Contracts	136	70	112	59	58	33	**53**	0.0	*60.6*	na
Beer Sales Information	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**			
Number of Cases Sold	193,508	231,474	206,553	199,109	227,954	163,066	**207,212**	7.3	*27.0*	-3.4
Tax Revenue	21,286	25,462	22,721	21,902	25,075	17,938	**22,793**	7.3	*27.0*	-3.4
Welfare Activity	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Aid To Dependent Children										
Total Assistance Payments	365,549	357,218	360,871	357,312	368,547	360,992	**375,793**	20.1	*4.1*	na
Persons	6,658	6,545	6,596	6,489	6,728	6,581	**6,868**	20.1	*4.3*	na
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value	1,132,380	1,109,997	1,110,647	1,126,492	1,192,216	1,231,954	**1,242,756**	22.6	*0.8*	na
Recipients	24,672	24,356	24,455	24,300	24,365	24,898	**25,163**	13.0	*1.0*	na
Medicaid Information										
Claims	4,708	5,389	4,291	4,876	5,160	4,330	**4,261**	-16.9	*-1.6*	na
Benefits Paid	1,537,358	1,564,160	1,029,683	1,577,839	1,532,037	1,485,774	**1,054,533**	-22.5	*-29.1*	na
Inpat General Hospital	452,850	441,930	182,729	404,158	2,099,795	351,247	**106,169**	-66.7	*-69.8*	na
ICF Mental	152,249	147,845	167,663	187,812	211,781	192,120	**219,736**	45.7	*14.3*	na
ICF I Service	318,975	321,985	339,161	335,315	323,606	347,987	**323,255**	4.5	*-7.2*	na
Physicians	128,570	186,193	76,445	122,046	127,056	95,167	**110,137**	8.8	*15.7*	na
Drugs	99,145	123,430	109,382	113,651	124,992	112,146	**92,581**	-11.9	*-17.5*	na
Vital Statistics	**Dec 83**	**Jan 84**	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**			
Births	258	326	294	276	269	260	**226**	-26.9	*-13.1*	-12.9
Deaths	111	113	106	109	102	96	**100**	7.5	*4.1*	-1.7
Revenue Collections	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**			
Retail Sales Tax - State	1,497,703	1,490,795	1,679,080	1,774,938	1,943,065	1,996,692	**1,843,016**	44.5	*-7.7*	14.8
Severence Tax	9,534,755	9,084,479	10,267,403	8,987,124	8,424,101	7,596,784	**6,490,737**	-22.0	*-14.6*	-11.6

New Car Sales	**Jan 84**	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Buick	37	41	60	71	60	70	52	72	38	47	45	**29**	-38.3	*-35.6*	2.9
Cadillac	11	15	6	16	13	8	7	18	7	13	12	**9**	-50.0	*-25.0*	-16.7
Chevrolet	67	59	78	79	82	71	64	58	67	69	49	**45**	7.1	*-8.2*	19.3
Chrysler	12	14	11	12	17	24	21	16	17	15	19	**14**	-17.7	*-26.4*	22.2
Datsun	23	24	22	21	15	24	25	22	22	13	1	**6**	-71.5	*500.0*	-39.8
Dodge	11	16	12	11	21	53	21	31	16	16	17	**17**	54.5	*0.0*	-43.4
Ford	43	60	56	53	73	62	50	42	62	52	50	**49**	0.0	*-2.0*	20.2
Honda	27	21	27	32	38	34	31	44	24	32	17	**33**	73.6	*94.1*	123.6
Lincoln	8	6	7	9	10	13	9	4	11	18	12	**11**	57.1	*-8.4*	8.2
Mazda	3	0	7	5	7	4	5	7	6	3	5	**2**	-66.7	*-60.0*	-18.2
Mercury	22	26	18	24	27	24	23	27	28	39	23	**18**	12.5	*-21.8*	11.5
Oldsmobile	68	77	81	59	90	67	52	64	41	36	36	**43**	-45.6	*19.4*	-5.9
Plymouth	9	6	14	8	10	14	18	12	10	12	11	**4**	-60.0	*-63.7*	23.0
Pontiac	30	30	34	35	33	40	35	54	25	33	33	**40**	-2.5	*21.2*	3.6
Renault	3	3	3	3	7	13	8	4	0	7	1	**1**	-50.0	*0.0*	165.0
Toyota	26	33	12	16	30	37	30	40	28	42	20	**27**	-3.6	*35.0*	34.7
Volkswagen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	*0.0*	na
Volvo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	*0.0*	na
Other	6	10	9	10	20	12	13	13	7	8	17	**25**	78.5	*47.0*	368.7
Total Car Sales	406	441	457	464	553	570	464	528	409	455	368	**373**	-12.7	*1.3*	7.7
New Truck Sales	**Jan 84**	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Chevrolet	68	61	61	55	118	72	71	70	54	72	81	**41**	-28.1	*-49.4*	24.4
Datsun	10	19	21	12	12	12	14	11	7	8	0	**1**	-91.0	*0.0*	-29.1
Dodge	41	69	59	71	50	65	64	40	38	59	50	**49**	11.3	*-2.0*	22.4
Ford	65	68	64	70	74	93	69	69	52	70	75	**58**	5.4	*-22.7*	11.1
GMC	35	22	26	33	40	28	23	32	24	19	27	**24**	-31.5	*-11.2*	-7.5
Mazda	3	4	3	5	2	7	2	3	9	4	4	**4**	100.0	*0.0*	72.4
Toyota	12	18	13	11	16	27	16	20	15	22	10	**18**	63.6	*80.0*	147.5
Other	16	15	13	12	19	29	20	26	19	29	25	**34**	240.0	*36.0*	225.3
Total Truck Sales	250	276	260	269	331	333	279	271	218	283	272	**229**	1.7	*-15.9*	22.6

Louisiana State Sales Tax Collections By Parishes — Per Cent Change

									Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Parish	Population	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Acadia	59,369	348,359	371,182	403,397	461,428	556,297	513,699	**463,791**	39.4	-9.8	12.6
Allen	21,739	66,930	66,318	70,976	81,850	122,979	101,523	**83,755**	32.7	-17.6	26.9
Ascension	54,618	443,685	454,201	512,465	570,426	621,203	582,712	**580,474**	48.2	-0.4	26.0
Assumption	23,955	60,738	58,976	63,673	74,536	70,608	70,956	**72,038**	37.0	1.5	6.8
Avoyelles	42,715	136,324	134,974	134,096	149,961	168,477	176,185	**164,065**	29.6	-6.9	15.3
Beauregard	31,207	234,154	175,609	143,727	217,870	274,338	239,994	**244,801**	31.3	2.0	76.2
Bienville	16,188	34,259	33,947	57,758	38,274	37,662	48,502	**40,374**	29.2	-16.8	17.7
Bossier	88,370	601,337	711,145	739,781	846,634	910,379	875,758	**825,662**	37.7	-5.8	24.9
Caddo	261,817	3,912,576	5,364,947	4,159,375	4,848,666	5,299,213	3,632,821	**4,846,714**	35.6	33.4	15.8
Calcasieu	176,760	1,984,993	2,345,348	[illegible],100,754	2,438,971	2,737,214	2,511,655	**2,656,514**	42.1	5.7	17.7
Caldwell	10,947	28,264	29,117	41,922	58,806	51,707	51,182	**51,431**	90.8	0.4	34.7
Cameron	10,139	46,379	43,505	99,117	63,940	54,111	69,920	**83,429**	96.3	19.3	29.7
Catahoula	12,326	52,153	58,519	55,365	63,005	70,003	68,823	**63,563**	8.2	-7.7	13.7
Claiborne	18,367	70,666	76,196	101,741	102,969	135,692	101,057	**96,245**	36.6	-4.8	25.4
Concordia	23,577	113,147	111,473	108,537	145,559	139,313	144,242	**152,551**	54.6	5.7	31.9
Desoto	26,970	106,299	138,937	121,723	180,418	167,259	158,360	**139,021**	25.8	-12.3	34.7
East Baton Rouge	389,503	7,069,142	6,385,220	6,870,428	9,570,935	8,237,799	8,273,589	**8,140,734**	36.8	-1.7	22.1
East Carroll	11,671	53,412	52,660	56,312	51,636	68,989	116,643	**49,405**	-10.1	-57.7	40.9
East Feliciana	19,939	46,421	34,885	87,748	578,544	67,821	48,354	**59,101**	35.4	22.2	184.5
Evangeline	34,367	149,336	147,466	143,541	173,667	191,989	173,913	**166,458**	41.9	-4.3	40.9
Franklin	24,509	90,030	90,149	95,323	106,381	111,524	131,249	**117,501**	43.5	-10.5	21.2
Grant	17,621	12,825	11,144	27,091	13,454	13,418	31,953	**17,746**	61.5	-44.5	25.2
Iberia	69,257	1,219,975	690,466	733,183	857,076	861,506	823,365	**862,387**	41.1	4.7	27.1
Iberville	32,981	206,495	270,191	295,764	383,256	577,505	403,936	**449,584**	45.6	11.3	59.9
Jackson	17,309	1,131,185	136,206	95,070	111,808	175,518	215,351	**62,394**	-10.5	-71.1	118.9
Jefferson	476,915	6,261,577	6,654,226	7,666,076	8,084,948	7,999,463	8,553,125	**8,351,410**	49.2	-2.4	34.8
Jefferson Davis	33,017	191,405	191,393	187,252	214,146	253,952	219,377	**231,614**	8.4	5.5	20.6
Lafayette	169,694	3,272,722	3,626,842	3,690,740	4,197,601	4,668,881	4,632,224	**5,468,215**	73.4	18.0	22.7
Lafourche	88,349	536,855	468,418	526,056	589,911	610,107	624,789	**603,318**	37.3	-3.5	21.8
Lasalle	17,697	90,576	86,658	95,385	96,354	98,031	108,670	**96,614**	2.6	-11.1	25.2
Lincoln	41,847	279,901	309,437	303,807	321,219	391,659	451,119	**455,942**	51.5	1.0	15.9
Livingston	66,451	221,585	200,212	234,443	253,674	295,519	282,629	**262,926**	30.3	-7.0	20.6
Madison	15,894	40,962	51,931	57,838	68,039	69,749	66,023	**65,268**	49.4	-1.2	29.6
Morehouse	35,183	128,751	177,211	545,988	1,024,230	251,502	233,283	**242,735**	11.4	4.0	109.5
Natchitoches	40,805	201,391	221,195	244,792	277,751	295,781	292,324	**267,663**	-10.0	-8.5	26.0
Orleans	567,062	9,390,036	10,105,961	9,877,115	12,723,126	11,977,473	12,360,047	**13,578,022**	38.1	9.8	8.4
Ouachita	142,300	1,912,026	2,146,809	2,185,175	2,574,332	3,272,477	2,627,191	**2,441,643**	106.7	-7.1	25.5
Plaquemines	26,778	237,682	295,155	290,665	338,603	398,848	355,981	**328,279**	24.9	-7.8	0.0
Pointe Coupee	25,091	74,935	70,582	100,430	95,221	123,840	93,043	**107,761**	56.2	15.8	16.6
Rapides	138,346	1,259,766	1,277,271	1,307,897	1,671,201	1,725,474	1,632,999	**1,568,237**	31.1	-4.0	13.4
Red River	11,114	33,542	34,303	34,059	41,692	40,849	41,029	**39,614**	16.6	-3.5	12.8
Richland	22,785	85,055	67,276	103,935	61,539	123,087	152,728	**129,599**	42.7	-15.2	15.0
Sabine	27,139	102,669	105,476	97,032	129,900	113,270	118,166	**124,659**	40.2	5.4	13.4
St. Bernard	67,949	150,634	287,329	318,753	543,530	375,330	215,839	**351,149**	83.0	62.6	25.4
St. Charles	41,103	355,638	268,406	333,661	311,124	415,295	326,344	**436,067**	76.8	33.6	59.5
St. Helena	10,186	18,757	12,508	12,699	-7,493	9,409	14,483	**4,297**	-69.6	-70.4	12.7
St. James	21,970	96,369	76,519	91,743	145,415	58,517	121,661	**123,220**	25.3	1.2	9.8
St. John	37,668	268,070	462,709	301,380	378,537	391,124	404,937	**367,826**	35.0	-9.2	47.7
St. Landry	87,800	486,589	478,945	508,620	559,400	587,405	606,526	**555,973**	24.4	-8.4	19.0
St. Martin	44,455	153,946	177,617	223,691	255,234	235,272	280,028	**233,056**	-24.8	-16.8	22.2
St. Mary	66,950	614,924	636,727	685,580	974,472	897,767	856,736	**844,011**	41.4	-1.5	20.9
St. Tammany	128,130	916,897	956,935	997,936	1,101,338	1,074,469	1,104,198	**1,065,727**	12.2	-3.5	25.9
Tangipahoa	87,863	508,773	528,988	565,745	684,937	676,464	736,657	**635,381**	42.0	-13.8	13.4
Tensas	8,244	17,324	17,618	26,541	23,097	25,757	34,510	**21,071**	20.3	-39.0	13.9
Terrebonne	102,038	960,848	1,022,377	1,153,024	1,185,027	1,332,958	1,371,903	**1,239,698**	48.3	-9.7	11.5
Union	21,734	57,947	50,750	66,468	83,774	80,263	81,643	**78,271**	49.5	-4.2	12.1
Vermillion	52,445	261,623	262,569	275,680	331,160	338,481	319,570	**335,905**	39.9	5.1	11.3
Vernon	61,275	194,938	196,155	235,559	244,988	237,049	226,423	**225,049**	31.9	-0.7	18.6
Washington	45,765	165,031	155,590	184,090	208,307	212,400	217,713	**194,798**	45.3	-10.6	21.9
Webster	45,205	230,708	262,124	554,205	302,236	327,179	346,568	**301,323**	30.5	-13.1	28.8
West Baton Rouge	20,168	149,630	122,223	190,347	226,614	172,106	161,264	**134,124**	-41.2	-16.9	-22.2
West Carroll	13,267	45,096	52,029	77,579	60,641	64,983	69,534	**48,442**	36.9	-30.4	26.5
West Feliciana	13,269	2,924,158	250,040	175,404	144,105	179,532	169,533	**3,770,447**	1,686.0	2,124.0	184.0
Winn	17,575	77,019	83,355	82,023	100,942	124,205	104,440	**116,238**	48.3	11.2	25.7
Out Of State		19,988,352	19,685,395	22,200,538	23,645,458	25,057,146	26,330,857	**25,099,276**	33.4	-4.7	20.4
Total Sales Tax	437,847	67,478,116	66,133,173	70,009,625	81,543,912	81,507,752	81,490,719	**86,294,814**	44.1	5.8	21.3

Louisiana State Sales Tax Collections By Commodity

Per Cent Change

State Sales Taxes by Commodity	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Grocery Stores	2,312,564	2,404,686	2,855,771	5,198,887	3,217,727	3,502,649	**3,262,415**	46.8	-6.9	33.1
Fruit & Vegetable Stores	84,754	92,390	92,359	107,760	126,096	113,017	**122,710**	14.2	8.5	11.2
Meat & Seafood Stores	281,529	327,079	315,089	357,559	399,174	373,587	**364,291**	36.5	-2.5	12.1
Restaurants & Cafes	2,532,889	2,682,637	2,956,070	3,392,766	3,462,950	3,618,164	**3,436,438**	39.4	-5.1	17.7
Saloons, Bars, Package Liquors	2,145,288	2,485,263	2,382,406	2,923,741	3,196,335	2,658,050	**3,116,049**	48.7	17.3	11.5
Dairy, Egg, Poultry	164,522	178,262	198,202	229,771	229,029	206,450	**172,627**	-29.2	-16.4	17.1
Bakeries	58,401	50,133	72,136	81,618	81,580	72,082	**82,840**	31.5	14.9	23.1
Chain Stores (Food)	402,688	368,287	526,842	510,354	515,803	647,306	**793,939**	38.3	22.6	-2.4
Other Foods	1,226,031	1,394,050	1,628,847	1,828,982	1,868,345	2,085,382	**1,946,054**	70.7	-6.7	36.5
Men and Boy's Clothing	306,349	275,888	262,499	309,223	327,007	311,511	**325,007**	34.6	4.3	10.8
Women's Ready To Wear	657,576	604,470	558,418	660,040	764,881	783,911	**796,725**	36.8	1.6	16.4
Millinery	488,765	519,595	524,910	534,159	521,962	720,784	**533,082**	27.9	-26.1	10.9
Shoe Stores	699,420	562,010	560,380	697,951	849,879	674,123	**721,977**	28.3	7.0	-8.9
Salvage Clothing	3,812	3,923	4,950	5,074	5,164	7,578	**6,466**	34.2	-14.7	19.5
Children's Clothing	47,177	30,242	35,267	550,090	65,945	64,601	**56,163**	46.3	-13.1	107.7
Chain Stores (Clothing)	381	0	96	131	193	371	**271**	5.4	-27.0	-86.9
Other Apparel	661,043	660,976	652,337	762,989	926,652	888,113	**868,083**	43.6	-2.3	27.6
Department Stores	2,421,427	2,507,851	2,607,809	2,878,275	3,387,195	3,164,734	**3,084,392**	61.3	-2.6	34.3
Country & Farm Stores	3,676	5,314	5,488	7,935	15,269	11,232	**8,703**	24.8	-22.6	-22.7
Variety Stores	1,961,359	2,303,437	2,342,347	2,761,068	2,351,090	2,399,153	**3,460,731**	98.1	44.2	28.4
Drug Stores	1,032,187	1,036,493	939,235	1,264,232	1,365,088	1,229,534	**1,330,102**	57.3	8.1	18.1
Jewelry, Leather, Sporting Goods	1,136,982	1,247,197	1,154,501	1,324,608	1,381,270	1,405,975	**1,440,696**	37.0	2.4	14.3
Feed & Seed	190,562	141,348	125,315	157,503	131,452	178,401	**151,212**	38.9	-15.3	20.1
Hardware Stores	1,114,172	1,222,411	1,163,043	1,411,646	1,493,830	1,446,416	**1,356,659**	29.7	-6.3	13.9
Farm Implement Dealers	674,099	727,674	662,843	698,868	762,883	869,963	**809,260**	34.7	-7.0	21.3
Chain Stores (General)	1,759,807	2,032,594	1,734,411	2,291,575	2,784,093	2,140,535	**2,281,464**	25.8	6.5	14.7
Other General Merchandise	935,675	991,342	1,037,277	1,205,172	1,792,633	1,324,968	**1,205,690**	37.4	-9.1	20.1
Motor Vehicle Dealers	677,062	714,546	675,811	933,000	981,428	862,336	**978,761**	42.1	13.5	13.5
Auto Parts, Tires	1,951,230	2,044,180	2,040,314	2,527,328	2,538,452	2,419,790	**2,438,313**	31.4	0.7	16.4
Service Stations	631,362	851,342	1,398,846	885,239	1,028,012	975,181	**1,196,470**	59.2	22.6	5.7
Garages, Repair Shops	806,416	835,215	979,636	1,115,037	1,044,166	1,201,707	**1,054,359**	47.1	-12.3	18.7
Diesel Fuel, Fuel Oil	85,478	47,607	62,890	105,188	98,717	83,779	**66,857**	-44.8	-20.2	109.2
Marine Supplies	136,064	138,280	172,835	311,531	240,962	183,354	**172,729**	47.4	-5.8	24.4
Motor Boats	120,811	134,037	140,137	135,821	150,693	89,669	**90,741**	30.8	1.1	13.1
Aircraft	32,027	33,821	38,339	43,625	45,345	55,192	**35,979**	-35.6	-34.9	1.0
Chain Stores (Auto)	664,111	1,007,498	721,887	945,091	852,754	865,479	**852,006**	-22.2	-1.6	-19.0
Other Automotive	97,851	106,192	100,613	117,459	135,864	123,409	**157,865**	242.2	27.9	25.2
Furniture Stores	657,420	728,814	694,953	879,049	931,882	827,630	**898,135**	31.7	8.5	16.5
Electric & Gas App	1,267,284	1,315,146	1,334,189	1,530,155	1,576,442	1,560,271	**1,544,302**	53.3	-1.1	21.8
Butane Dealers	691,078	690,945	691,836	744,469	801,733	821,268	**825,049**	8.4	0.4	13.3
Store, Office Furniture	1,131,957	1,216,534	1,316,858	1,783,378	1,703,434	1,663,960	**1,898,237**	52.9	14.0	65.4
Hotel, Restaurant Supplies	219,149	266,176	210,388	271,573	299,756	267,476	**379,105**	81.5	41.7	85.8
Awnings, Blinds, Upholstery	303,231	313,475	360,679	327,218	355,595	358,244	**360,672**	37.9	0.6	24.8
Dental, Medical Supplies	327,716	375,043	393,039	450,650	463,414	481,016	**461,340**	58.2	-4.1	8.4
Safes, Locks	35,348	32,694	37,160	43,454	45,854	51,712	**46,529**	16.6	-10.1	15.8
Chain Stores (Furniture)	1,877	1,192	549	413	1,963	401	**1,499**	0.0	273.8	15.7
Other Furniture	264,932	309,876	353,101	365,289	347,218	380,871	**358,262**	39.4	-6.0	21.4
Bldg Contractors, Construction	206,268	191,228	183,701	204,666	214,978	205,288	**191,086**	-12.3	-7.0	3.8
Lumber, Paint, Wallpaper Stores	4,391,591	4,367,054	4,242,791	5,041,336	5,037,159	4,827,967	**4,659,519**	8.2	-3.5	19.1
Electric, Plumbing, Elevators	2,724,133	2,997,351	2,737,445	3,412,613	3,148,771	3,256,806	**3,467,675**	57.8	6.4	42.6
Oil Well Equipment	2,996,452	2,720,817	2,520,055	3,394,883	3,405,160	3,178,944	**3,488,575**	61.6	9.7	38.7
Contractors (Elect)	203,886	195,509	239,981	265,077	275,715	246,388	**262,750**	38.5	6.6	31.4
Contractors (Paint)	16,458	11,650	20,458	19,553	19,514	23,863	**19,369**	55.5	-18.9	43.2
Contractors (Roofing)	43,811	48,663	55,255	61,222	58,668	51,083	**65,920**	56.4	29.0	13.6
Trucks, Dragline, Etc.	1,690,214	2,008,964	2,127,886	2,011,048	2,014,950	2,333,582	**5,981,960**	233.1	156.3	33.0
Chain Stores (Lumber)	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	0.0	**
Other Contractors	371,690	381,067	403,299	453,888	509,724	430,869	**390,383**	-2.0	-9.4	-1.1
Hotels, Motels, Etc.	1,020,401	984,262	1,153,570	1,433,003	1,439,440	1,670,294	**1,669,682**	86.1	-0.1	35.9
Leasing, Renting	2,721,620	1,665,051	2,487,827	2,521,341	2,498,929	2,704,023	**2,369,370**	4.3	-12.4	13.2
Bowling, Billiards	18,003	16,584	16,198	21,799	31,378	33,914	**33,156**	137.0	-2.3	72.8
Laundry, Tailoring	306,733	286,870	294,505	362,754	364,157	372,085	**402,239**	43.2	8.1	21.1
Newspapers, Printing	669,630	706,386	777,897	814,435	904,845	988,340	**924,140**	42.6	-6.5	23.1
Cotton Gins, Etc.	1,321	1,096	1,099	1,376	1,927	2,051	**2,064**	147.7	0.6	34.6
Warehouses	37,272	39,288	35,172	50,398	43,061	49,751	**40,870**	35.3	-17.9	-0.2
Shoe Repair, Shine	12,402	11,933	16,998	14,259	18,940	20,800	**20,239**	54.6	-2.7	14.1

Louisiana State Sales Tax Collections By Commodity

Per Cent Change

								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	**Nov 84**	Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Machine Shops, Welding	536,604	569,815	627,051	643,350	742,915	706,388	**726,289**	36.8	2.8	17.1
Other Service Groups	600,596	613,924	731,703	881,907	849,461	888,787	**644,514**	20.6	-27.5	21.3
Beverage Bottlers	430,899	525,365	485,571	590,046	788,763	588,406	**608,423**	48.9	3.4	17.2
Sugar Refineries	7,720	8,485	9,751	15,215	11,246	9,700	**9,503**	-10.1	-2.1	12.7
Petroleum, Natural Gas	98,976	1,365,506	137,204	130,988	117,316	1,187,222	**642,073**	498.5	-46.0	135.9
Petroleum Refineries	273,984	320,148	298,088	501,337	506,480	294,130	**308,094**	26.0	4.7	31.6
Sawmills, Sash & Door	9,860	8,236	13,729	8,554	14,827	15,934	**9,784**	8.3	-38.6	-14.9
Sand & Gravel	336,198	296,992	326,947	314,646	311,906	400,793	**290,459**	-3.4	-27.6	17.0
Rice Mills	626	242	1,150	491	1,070	1,318	**738**	-46.8	-44.1	-55.2
Cotton Seed Oil	3,599	2,830	2,837	1,754	2,947	3,710	**4,496**	131.2	21.1	24.1
Ice Manufacture	12,954	25,042	31,316	41,596	32,610	30,988	**20,383**	-12.4	-34.3	2.7
Other Manufacturers	10,050,028	5,141,845	5,186,858	7,524,989	6,992,967	8,888,060	**7,296,404**	38.4	-18.0	31.9
Railroads	0	0	0	0	0	20	**0**	0.0	-100.0	-89.6
Bus Lines, Etc.	6	107,351	16,191	40,144	34,918	26,387	**37,894**	21,533.7	43.6	10,737.9
Pullman, Tank Cars	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	0.0	—
Trucking, Freight, Etc.	564	2,113	1,488	1,337	534	1,290	**331**	-95.9	-74.4	-34.9
Fire Protection	22,291	19,704	27,082	33,164	31,994	33,733	**27,835**	33.1	-17.5	29.0
Pipelines	1,234	666	910	2,187	278	1,337	**2,374**	279.2	77.5	-38.0
Light, Power, Gas	68,376	90,820	92,092	163,983	74,430	62,243	**92,518**	34.5	48.6	15.0
Telephone, Telegraph	11,196	8,295	9,766	10,092	21,834	19,830	**10,897**	51.6	-45.1	19.4
Other Utilities	73,467	267,201	141,875	-4,877	72,120	78,962	**125,129**	-51.5	58.4	-64.5
Book Stores, Etc.	322,093	256,305	389,800	325,705	514,321	539,475	**400,269**	42.9	-25.9	18.3
Itinerant Vendors	8,030	9,615	9,618	10,236	13,487	13,713	**12,690**	52.3	-7.5	10.8
Piano, Musical Instruments	229,827	225,323	276,238	317,985	312,633	345,809	**330,750**	39.8	-4.4	3.1
Iron, Sheet Metal, Etc.	49,232	49,944	59,817	74,208	61,812	61,559	**69,633**	34.3	13.1	20.4
Photo Studios	247,728	271,632	295,697	308,481	324,906	352,097	**345,647**	50.0	-1.9	17.6
Cigar Stores, News	456,929	508,417	575,027	674,034	693,904	674,854	**710,632**	44.2	5.3	13.4
Florists, Nurseries	350,263	298,183	288,325	247,356	257,417	275,763	**274,143**	34.3	-0.6	19.4
Funeral Parlors	102,714	107,979	122,585	136,032	125,817	147,887	**129,899**	28.2	-12.2	18.0
Fishing Bait	101,759	93,614	148,977	156,646	96,952	165,919	**185,549**	-4.7	11.8	-6.8
Miscellaneous	5,584,807	5,951,930	7,947,133	7,115,618	8,211,664	8,028,250	**7,708,447**	22.4	-4.0	-28.8
Common Carriers	269,421	257,631	261,924	319,277	305,484	389,496	**372,014**	57.4	-4.5	10.5
Total Sales Tax	71,183,789	70,130,264	73,036,841	85,944,439	87,305,653	86,511,857	**91,034,764**	43.5	5.2	21.2

Louisiana Tourist Traffic Data - Visitors To Selected Tourist Attractions — Per Cent Change

								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Audubon State Commemorative Area	11,287	11,368	1,596	8,600	7,450	6,294	5,552	-48.2	-11.8	4.8
Camp Moore State Commemorative Area	539	584	485	821	535	382	355	23.6	-7.1	21.2
Chemin-A-Haut State Park	14,292	11,579	7,316	3,896	2,278	2,654	2,051	28.0	-22.8	14.2
Chicot State Park	48,234	54,579	18,400	10,220	9,561	20,098	29,870	74.9	48.6	7.8
Cypremort Point State Park	25,890	25,076	16,566	9,578	2,252	2,974	2,741	159.0	-7.9	19.6
Edward Douglass White Memorial	62	79	55	20	95	24	17	-22.8	-29.2	91.4
Fairview-Riverside State Park	24,898	23,100	11,420	19,996	14,037	13,301	10,340	57.7	-22.3	34.5
Fontainbleau State Park	105,356	98,560	68,272	58,710	25,412	18,712	25,066	95.2	33.9	131.1
Fort Jesup State Commemorative Area	4,236	3,384	6,200	2,268	3,184	5,538	6,588	11.5	18.9	-8.1
Fort Pike State Commemorative Area	72,252	47,718	36,022	39,112	33,150	23,640	6,352	-47.0	-73.2	121.5
Fort St. Jean Baptiste	4,610	3,384	4,048	2,160	1,561	1,679	3,129	144.8	86.3	109.5
Grand Isle State Park	153	53	162	147	370	324	190	-95.2	-41.4	-98.9
Hodges Gardens	4,923	3,533	2,430	2,064	1,470	1,083	na	na	na	na
Indian Creek Recreational Area	28,624	25,361	14,012	7,355	2,574	2,606	na	na	na	na
Kent House State Commemorative Area	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	na	na	na
Lake Bistineau State Park	19,191	23,226	13,303	9,710	6,898	4,674	3,889	79.7	-16.8	4.0
Lake Bruin State Park	14,942	15,670	10,706	7,842	4,082	3,288	2,764	30.0	-16.0	1.2
Lake Claiborne State Park	44,032	39,332	29,174	15,504	2,504	5,095	2,950	-4.6	-42.2	13.3
Lake D'Arbonne State Park	6,488	5,722	4,300	3,515	2,303	1,525	1,481	57.7	-2.9	16.8
Longfellow-Evangeline State Park	18,842	23,048	14,208	15,270	8,920	9,474	10,044	-22.5	6.0	-10.1
Los Adeas	34	58	39	1,475	675	570	604	694.7	5.9	472.3
Avery Island	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	na	na	na
Louisiana State Arboretum	292	0	0	0	0	0	0	na	na	na
Louisiana State Exhibit Museum, Shrevep	31,400	27,200	22,400	23,600	86,000	0	0	na	na	na
Louisiana State Museum, New Orleans	50,123	44,814	37,729	37,007	47,937	31,247	0	na	na	na
Louisiana State Fairgrounds	5,900	4,135	17,550	30,025	615,300	24,675	0	na	na	na
Mansfield State Commemorative Area	4,224	4,280	4,090	3,274	1,982	1,920	2,150	325.7	11.9	15.6
Old Arsenal Museum	5,760	6,128	4,463	3,187	2,799	2,537	2,988	80.2	17.7	-13.7
Marksville State Commemorative Area	18,020	16,624	9,118	13,525	7,380	4,836	3,661	6.6	-24.3	810.6
Old State Capitol	6,447	6,928	5,742	3,842	4,821	2,727	0	na	na	na
Plaquemine Locks	350	267	548	55	0	0	0	na	na	na
Poverty Point State Commemorative Area	7,365	7,258	4,751	2,754	4,162	3,850	2,413	82.6	-37.4	88.1
Rebel State Commemorative Area	4,940	2,120	1,781	2,020	5,537	1,129	1,221	14.5	8.1	-1.1
St. Bernard State Park	25,339	18,268	5,371	8,653	10,976	10,394	7,812	164.8	-24.9	82.4
Sam Houston Jones State Park	22,858	39,130	29,405	28,308	10,928	19,284	28,764	225.7	49.1	7.0
Winter Quarters State Commemorative Are	321	200	195	142	75	0	0	na	na	na

Louisiana Tourist Traffic Data • Visitors To Tourist Information Stations — Per Cent Change

	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Greenwood*	28,407	31,740	25,272	15,063	14,140	8,452	6,848	-1.8	-19.0	18.0
Kentwood (I-55)*	29,538	27,302	22,251	21,253	18,103	7,215	3,461	-31.3	-52.1	82.6
Louisiana State Capitol*	25,467	23,604	21,183	16,552	15,934	11,285	7,314	-6.8	-35.2	-0.8
Mound Center (I-20 W)*	17,395	18,958	16,629	10,203	10,127	8,571	7,721	4.7	-10.0	4.2
New Orleans*	20,002	14,307	11,609	11,553	12,505	5,608	2,879	-26.1	-48.7	-6.0
Pearl River (I-59)*	97,428	105,665	63,170	50,911	75,780	39,077	27,001	-50.9	-31.0	-18.4
St. Francisville*	5,574	5,629	4,957	4,071	5,339	2,392	1,104	3.8	-53.9	7.1
Slidell (I-10 W)*	113,079	133,627	109,160	93,830	102,267	69,405	63,677	-5.8	-8.3	40.9
Toledo Bend*	2,999	3,190	2,701	1,992	1,690	1,025	731	-2.7	-28.7	2.0
Vidalia*	2,624	2,637	2,019	1,645	2,273	1,400	886	-12.7	-36.8	17.7
Vinton (I-10 E)*	50,062	51,584	37,712	25,582	25,279	18,099	18,287	-11.9	1.0	39.1

*Effective November 19, 1984, these centers were reduced to Monday-Friday operating schedules and were closed on weekends.

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The Division Economic Report

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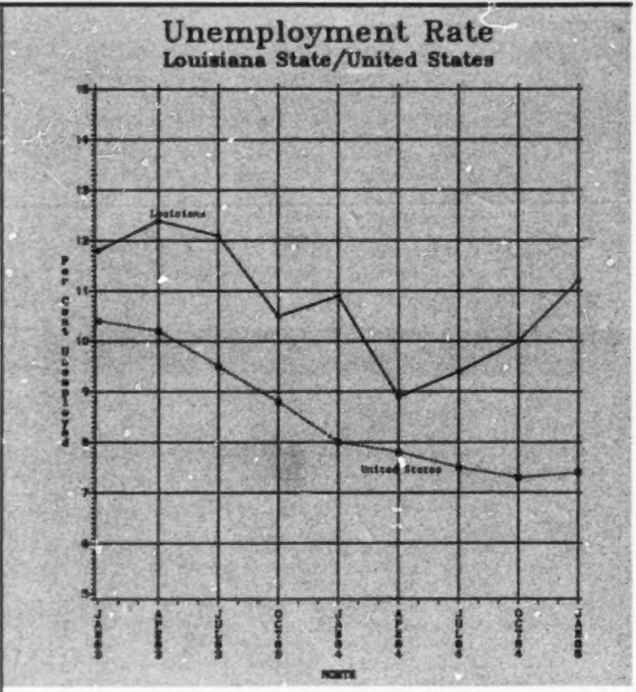
United States

The U.S. economy performed better in the final months of 1984 than had been reported earlier. Revised estimates indicate that the real Gross National Product (GNP) grew at an annual rate of 4.9 percent in the fourth quarter of 1984, instead of the 3.9 percent rate estimated by the U.S. Commerce Department last month. This significant revision of tht GNP was due to a reduction of the trade deficits estimated earlier. The real GNP was 6.9 percent higher in 1984 than it was in 1983. The outlook for 1985 suggests that the national economy will grow 3.5 to 4 percent in the first half of the year, although the growth rate is expected to slow down toward the end of the year.

The Federal Reserve Board's Index of Industrial Production increased three-tenths of one percent in January, following gains of one-tenth of one percent in December 1984 and four-tenths of one percent in November. Recently released data indicate that February production dropped one-half of one percent. Seasonally adjusted retail sales increased seven-tenths of one percent in January, following a one-half of one percent decline in December. The gain in January was due primarily to a four percent increase in national auto sales. Total housing starts increased at an annual rate of 14.9 percent in January, following a revised three-tenths of one percent decline in December. The surge in housing starts was largely due to gains in apartment construction. Gains in construction are expected to be more moderate in the coming months, since interest rates are expected to increase slightly.



The U.S. civilian unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) decreased to 7.3 percent in February 1985 from 7.4 percent in January. Total civilian employment increased three-tenths of one percent since January and 2.7 percent since February 1984. The U.S. Leading Economic Indicator rose 1.7 percent in January, following a revised one-half percent decline in December and a revised one-half percent increase in November. The January increase in the U.S. Leading Economic Indicator was the largest since March 1983. This suggests that the U.S. economoy will continue to grow at a steady rate during the next few months.

Inflation continues to be restrained. The Consumer Price Index rose at only a 2.3 percent annual rate in January, and the Producer Price Index was virtually unchanged. Interest rates generally had a small reversal of the downward trend of the past few months. The prime rate at the beginning of March was 10.5 percent, unchanged since the previous month. The Federal funds rate, which is the rate charged by banks to other banks for the use of their reserves, moved upwards during most of February, although it has been decreasing slightly since February 22. Most economists believe that interest rates will move moderately upward in the coming months. This might have a moderately adverse effect on the interest sensitive sectors of the economy such as construction, business investments, production and sales of durables, etc.

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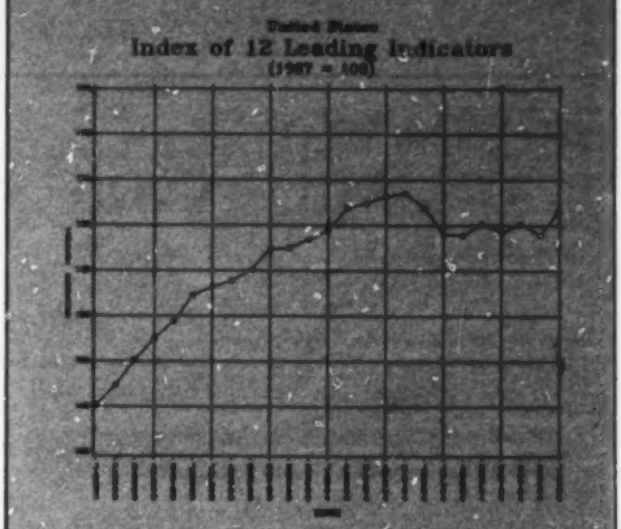

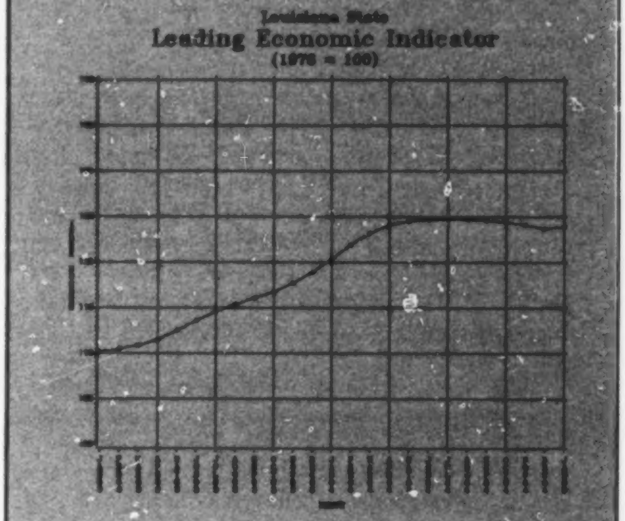

	Unemployment Rate						Leading Indicators					
	Louisiana			United States			Louisiana 1976 = 100			United States 1967 = 100		
Month	**1983**	**1984**	**1985**	**1983**	**1984**	**1985**	**1983**	**1984**	**1985**	**1983**	**1984**	**1985**
Jan	11.8	**10.9**	11.2	10.4	**8.0**	7.4	110.2	**120.4**	123.9	145.2	**164.5**	166.7
Feb	12.7	**10.1**	na	10.2	**7.8**	na	110.5	**121.9**	na	147.4	**166.9**	na
Mar	12.7	**9.2**		10.2	**7.8**		110.9	**123.2**		150.2	**167.4**	
Apr	12.4	**8.9**		10.2	**7.8**		111.5	**124.1**		152.5	**168.2**	
May	12.3	**8.9**		10.1	**7.4**		112.5	**124.5**		154.4	**168.5**	
Jun	12.5	**9.4**		10.0	**7.1**		113.6	**124.7**		157.3	**166.9**	
Jul	12.1	**9.4**		9.5	**7.5**		114.6	**124.8**		158.2	**164.0**	
Aug	11.7	**9.4**		9.5	**7.5**		115.4	**124.7**		158.9	**163.9**	
Sep	11.1	**9.5**		9.1	**7.4**		116.1	**124.6**		160.0	**165.2**	
Oct	10.5	**10.0**		8.8	**7.3**		116.8	**124.4**		162.4	**164.2**	
Nov	10.7	**10.2**		8.4	**7.1**		117.7	**124.1**		162.5	**165.2**	
Dec	10.3	**9.8**		8.2	**7.2**		118.9	**123.7**		163.4	**163.9**	

Economic Indicators: Louisiana State — Per Cent Change

								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Employment & Wage Statistics	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	1,954.9	1,969.8	1,983.2	1,992.8	1,974.5	1,893.4	**1,911.9**	1.3	*0.9*	1.4
Total Employed (000)	1,771.1	1,784.5	1,795.3	1,794.0	1,772.5	1,707.7	**1,698.1**	1.0	*-0.6*	4.3
Non-Agricultural Employment (000)										
Non-Agricultural	1,573.1	1,571.7	1,579.1	1,579.6	1,581.1	1,611.0	**1,588.8**	2.0	*-1.4*	0.8
Wholesale And Retail Trade	376.8	375.2	373.6	374.3	376.1	389.5	**381.2**	2.3	*-2.2*	1.7
Government	311.9	311.9	319.3	321.7	324.3	326.0	**322.5**	1.7	*-1.1*	0.7
Services	310.0	309.1	312.2	312.7	311.9	313.3	**311.1**	1.8	*-0.8*	2.0
Manufacturing	181.9	183.3	183.0	182.4	183.1	184.1	**180.3**	2.9	*-2.1*	1.0
Transportation & Public Utilities	116.3	117.2	116.2	116.1	115.8	118.2	**118.1**	1.3	*-0.1*	-1.4
Construction	113.9	113.3	113.0	110.8	107.1	114.1	**111.0**	-0.9	*-2.8*	-2.2
Finance, Insurance, And Real Estate	84.1	83.8	83.5	83.4	83.6	83.4	**83.2**	0.8	*-0.3*	0.9
Mining	78.2	77.9	78.3	78.2	79.2	82.4	**81.4**	0.8	*-1.3*	-1.6
Total Unemployed (000)	183.8	185.3	187.9	198.8	202.0	185.7	**213.8**	3.6	*15.1*	-15.8
Unemployment Rate	9.4	9.4	9.5	10.0	10.2	9.8	**11.2**	2.7	*14.2*	-17.3
Unemployment Benefits Paid (000 Weeks)	224.5	227.0	190.0	217.4	225.2	223.7	**304.3**	6.7	*36.0*	-28.1
Unemployment Benefits Paid ($ Mil)	32.8	33.0	28.0	32.2	33.7	33.4	**45.0**	5.1	*34.7*	-31.1
Average Weekly Manufacturing Hours	41.4	41.1	42.0	41.1	42.2	41.8	**40.7**	-2.0	*-2.7*	3.5
Average Weekly Manufacturing Earnings	419.80	415.52	416.34	407.71	436.66	433.88	**419.21**	-0.8	*-3.4*	6.8
New Claims (000)	30.4	26.6	30.5	32.6	29.0	39.5	**43.9**	-21.7	*11.1*	-23.2
Exhaustions (000)	6.5	6.6	5.4	5.9	6.0	6.0	**7.4**	-13.0	*23.3*	-34.3
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Number of Recipients	204,018	208,476	174,248	199,643	206,233	205,314	**279,915**	na	*36.3*	na
Benefits Paid	$ 29,871,910	29,795,562	25,262,388	29,061,964	30,324,606	30,090,371	**40,705,566**	na	*35.2*	na
Federal Employees										
Number of Recipients	1,175	1,252	1,042	1,211	1,707	1,007	**1,258**	na	*24.9*	na
Benefits Paid	$ 144,442	159,610	132,502	154,751	241,901	130,483	**165,720**	na	*27.0*	na
Ex-Servicemen										
Number of Recipients	1,427	1,574	1,502	1,825	1,725	1,527	**1,851**	na	*21.2*	na
Benefits Paid	$ 211,516	235,857	226,616	273,183	257,221	228,353	**274,147**	na	*20.0*	na
Revenue Collections **$**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Alcoholic Beverages										
Liquor & Wine Tax	1,636,470	1,412,502	1,672,157	1,412,287	1,724,205	2,388,827	**2,577,623**	-4.8	*7.9*	0.1
Beer Tax, State	3,197,390	3,003,792	3,678,447	3,396,198	2,100,450	2,608,772	**2,463,256**	-7.8	*-5.6*	0.2
Retail Alcoholic Beverage	na	1,399,822	1,653,719	1,968,648	990,157	2,465,348	**1,808,681**	na	*-26.7*	na
Corporation Franchise Tax	2,065,272	2,885,525	4,466,331	3,967,236	10,068,267	13,270,657	**4,246,084**	68.0	*-68.1*	11.2
Gift	37,329	70,976	11,240	44,958	22,626	31,172	**106,428**	16.3	*241.4*	16.2
Hazardous Waste	na	na	na	642,537	7,621	838,094	**1,598,493**	na	*90.7*	na
Income										
Corporation Income Tax	6,582,805	4,583,268	46,287,499	12,909,996	11,716,800	33,605,229	**3,011,987**	-76.8	*-91.1*	-17.5
Individual Income Tax	40,965,880	34,935,593	28,504,874	52,313,378	36,500,746	44,349,367	**61,766,780**	76.1	*39.2*	112.4
Inheritance & Estate Transfer	2,329,449	2,669,528	2,356,664	3,001,827	2,692,272	3,544,477	**2,380,725**	-15.0	*-32.9*	4.4
Natural Resources										
General Severance Tax	70,429,218	65,272,563	64,457,931	32,278,410	54,845,470	61,975,973	**63,483,832**	-9.3	*2.4*	-1.0
Reforestation Severance	6,021	9,295	8,756	19,909	-4,926	266	**39,091**	270.6		60.7
Occupation License	24,151	19,872	61,457	26,598	21,213	31,463	**19,858**	-64.4	*-36.9*	-40.6
Petroleum Products										
Gasoline Tax	16,484,231	23,968,746	28,261,871	24,220,111	28,440,849	25,852,485	**26,875,556**	91.6	*3.9*	48.9
Inspection Fee (Gasoline)	74,731	71,904	78,725	67,950	87,354	65,486	**52,113**	-16.7	*-20.5*	14.6
Special Fuels	3,385,151	4,094,239	4,119,034	5,209,368	4,782,953	4,446,032	**5,087,449**	89.9	*14.4*	57.8
Public Utilities & Carriers										
Inspection & Superision Fee	17,495	24,099	17,976	28,723	17,061	347,995	**673,778**	126.3	*93.6*	19.7
Natural Gas Franchise	796,404	2,347,274	3,421	320,554	1,326,693	865,670	**618,386**		*-28.6*	-1.7
Transportation & Communication	910,342	5,120,822	42,715	698,250	7,502,276	35,401	**1,723,347**	-72.1		-29.6
Louisiana General Sales tax	73,036,841	85,944,440	87,305,653	86,511,857	91,034,764	86,774,111	**110,736,120**	44.0	*27.6*	27.9
Soft Drink	1,094,428	1,170,833	842,057	1,078,669	907,767	781,860	**945,389**	14.5	*20.9*	7.2
Soft Drink Permit	-29,175	15	30	15	5,101	4,541	**560**	2.7	*-87.7*	464.7
Tobacco	7,083,557	8,455,810	6,851,856	7,543,135	7,411,934	6,490,753	**8,533,793**	56.3	*31.4*	29.1
Tobacco Permit	15	10	10	35	10	255	**300**	-3.3	*17.6*	-13.5
Unclaimed Property	10,948	44,516	47,398	765,471	127,586	184,579	**18,918**	-92.0	*-89.8*	34.0
Other Taxes										
Beer Parishes & Municipalities	495,743	491,580	565,061	390,671	454,328	471,594	**425,697**	8.3	*-9.8*	-0.6
LA Stadium & Exposition District	1,116,785	1,458,678	1,058,334	1,089,247	1,382,370	1,354,101	**891,676**	-0.6	*-34.2*	35.1
New Orleans Exhibition Hall	478,459	598,254	422,151	437,800	594,426	591,806	**360,736**	-5.1	*-39.1*	43.4
Motor Vehicle Tax	8,844,555	14,219,460	11,331,633	12,404,694	10,268,023	10,017,261	**12,880,315**	40.7	*28.5*	31.3
Royalties, Rentals, and Bonuses	na	na	44,087,978	51,457,576	42,806,262	43,779,111	**44,562,673**	na	*1.7*	na
Total	241,044,498	264,253,418	338,184,979	304,206,108	317,834,658	347,172,686	**357,889,644**	45.3	*3.0*	-17.6

Economic Indicators: Louisiana State

									Per Cent Change Latest Month Same Month Prior Year	Per Cent Change Latest Month Prior Month	Per Cent Change Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Construction		Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)			957,335	970,670	969,903	951,155	991,307		na		na
Value of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)											
Residential		174.8	159.3	137.1	186.9	110.5	86.5	125.4	-13.4	44.9	-2.6
Non-Residential		293.4	129.7	119.6	187.8	127.6	116.7	110.7	-12.9	-5.2	23.7
Non-Building		74.3	55.0	45.6	85.2	182.3	203.2	73.6	4.3	-63.8	-46.7
Number Of Construction Contracts		3,484	2,992	2,364	3,025	2,063	1,733	2,254	-34.2	30.0	-13.9
FHLB Construction ($ Mil)		Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Construction											
Condominium	$	6.3	3.1	9.4	11.6	4.5	2.5	5.9	-43.3	136.0	30.7
1-to-4 Unit	$	26.4	23.1	15.7	14.5	17.5	19.9	13.2	-2.3	-33.7	114.8
5 or More	$	13.1	10.1	10.3	8.7	2.7	14.6	2.0	-81.5	-86.4	78.8
Non-Residential	$	27.9	17.2	17.6	8.5	8.4	10.2	18.3	-58.1	79.4	57.8
Purchases											
Single (New)	$	35.5	27.1	29.3	19.9	22.9	19.0	16.6	-29.7	-12.7	130.3
Family (Other)	$	60.1	58.9	56.1	37.9	41.5	35.2	29.0	-25.1	-17.7	99.9
2-to-4 Unit	$	12.5	11.1	14.8	7.4	7.9	6.2	9.9	26.9	59.6	122.5
5 or More	$	5.5	7.9	3.9	3.2	8.5	4.9	10.0	-35.5	104.0	79.3
Non-Residential	$	25.1	27.4	25.7	33.6	28.1	20.5	22.8	29.5	11.2	98.9
Other											
Land Loans	$	8.5	19.5	11.3	16.2	22.3	17.1	26.6	37.1	55.5	144.0
Refinancing	$	34.7	37.0	47.5	34.4	31.7	27.1	34.8	-32.9	28.4	63.4
All Other	$	26.0	24.4	25.6	16.1	34.1	24.5	14.1	-1.4	-42.5	246.5
Total Loans Closed	$	281.6	244.1	267.1	211.4	230.1	201.6	203.5	-23.8	0.9	11.3
Loans in Process	$	439.1	243.8	412.6	397.7	368.8	367.8	337.4	-13.7	-8.3	124.1
General Business Activity		Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85			
Corporation Filings											
Domestic Charters		967	1,108	813	735	646	654	1,139	29.4	74.1	-6.0
Amendments To Domestic Charters		79	85	57	81	53	97	147	98.6	51.5	na
Notices of Dissolution		220	130	57	48	35	76	76	20.6	0.0	na
Dissolutions		138	221	152	158	82	157	231	524.3	47.1	221.6
Mergers or Consolidations		25	59	51	48	4	188	123	296.7	-34.6	260.4
Foreign Qualifications		152	105	149	153	105	123	94	-25.4	-23.6	na
Amendments to Foreign Charters		16	26	13	10	14	10	18	12.5	80.0	363.8
Withdrawals		32	28	12	47	38	19	40	344.4	110.5	301.2
Telephone Lines (000)		1,726.6	1,733.5	1,740.0	1,742.4	1,738.6	1,736.6	1,730.4	1.4	-0.4	na
Foreign Coal Exports (000 Tons)		469.6	na	550.5	522.2	782.9	571.3	571.4	1.9	0.0	na
Fuel Consumption (000 Gals)		Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85			
Gasoline		150,050	182,083	160,193	182,696	166,924	177,255	165,439	-7.4	-6.7	-2.0
Gasohol		294	2,815	3,168	3,237	6,693	8,212	6,492	na	-21.0	na
Highway Diesel		25,155	23,995	31,984	29,563	27,390	31,374	27,625	2.9	-12.0	7.1
Highway LPG		403	1,712	633	334	449	379	436	-37.3	15.1	-10.1
Total Fuel Consumption		175,904	210,606	195,980	215,831	201,458	217,221	199,994	-3.0	-8.0	0.5
Crude Petroleum Production		Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
North Louisiana **(000 Bbl)**		2,730	2,852	2,852	2,730	2,790	2,700	na	na	na	na
South Louisiana		38,970	40,300	na	38,970	40,548	39,780	na	na	na	na
Crude Runs To Stills (Daily Avg.)											
CITGO Petroleum		255,723	222,606	238,847	225,172	225,172	202,917	201,536	-17.8	-0.7	3.0
CONOCO Inc.		123,552	95,198	116,223	116,223	132,584	116,733	103,115	-1.0	-11.7	31.9
EXXON Company		450,470	403,688	452,945	417,405	397,894	419,938	413,628	18.0	-1.6	3.2
Gulf Oil Company		127,388	188,350	193,956	187,901	192,308	186,712	131,518	-28.1	-29.6	14.1
Marathon Oil		191,952	175,403	185,167	165,152	164,669	174,557	166,041	3.7	-4.9	na
Murphy Oil Company		49,412	49,210	51,506	51,477	51,477	65,342	56,806	6.3	-13.1	-14.2
Shell Oil Company		206,844	211,312	204,606	193,396	193,396	187,132	191,746	5.7	2.4	7.7
Tenneco Oil Company		80,343	89,363	76,322	87,080	91,198	134,071	135,014	81.9	0.7	10.8
Texaco Inc.		0	45,268	140,143	167,123	180,338	159,586	136,959	36.0	-14.2	0.6
Others		154,562	106,032	113,292	190,877	100,934	107,652	90,189	-13.5	-16.3	-0.2
Total		1,640,246	1,375,118	1,773,007	1,714,726	1,729,970	1,754,640	1,626,552	4.5	-7.3	4.8
LOOP, Inc. Activity		Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Alaska		1,099,056	633,893	631,002	2,023,023	2,200,682	3,731,334	2,661,669	14.8	-28.7	90.5
Mexico		6,202,683	5,078,250	5,185,166	5,025,305	4,379,807	3,059,212	3,770,488	-14.4	23.2	31.6
Norway											
United Kingdom		0	0	0	475,638	518,406	497,257	0	-100.0	-100.0	-73.5
Iraq		0	699,851	0	589,078	391,766	0	628,689	0.0	0.0	24.0
Iran											
Saudi Arabia		1,917,635	2,913,363	6,451,037	642,566	4,481,012	1,773,905	567,194	-81.0	-68.1	9.3
United Arab Emerits		0	799,626	898,460	475,638	2,176,892	1,418,251	1,897,566	0.0	33.7	
Oman											
Tunisia											
Egypt											
Nigeria		1,800,216	1,311,239	364,452	1,364,252	2,391,339	0	961,056	-67.5	0.0	-38.9
Gabon		0	0	0	0	0	970,817	783,015	0.0	-19.4	23.2
Congo		490,961	483,760	0	0	885,439	0	0	-100.0	0.0	-15.5
Ecuador											
Other		0	483,760	0	0	450,513	0	0	-100.0	0.0	-77.8
Total		11,510,551	12,403,742	13,530,117	10,595,500	17,875,856	11,450,776	11,269,677	-22.5	-1.6	4.4

Economic Indicators: Louisiana State

Per Cent Change

Welfare Activity	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Aid to Dependent Children										
Total Assistance Payments	$ 12,328,480	12,383,571	12,308,031	12,573,051	12,525,277	12,740,316	**12,841,815**	12.9	***3.7***	na
Persons	219,141	220,972	218,885	224,190	222,430	226,897	**228,889**	10.2	***-2.2***	na
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value	$ 26,754,281	26,901,366	27,438,479	29,116,013	30,142,435	30,467,021	**29,972,593**	14.5	***-1.7***	na
Recipients	607,516	611,448	615,264	617,271	627,959	633,248	**632,012**	7.1	***-0.2***	na
Medicaid Information										
Claims	212,748	190,523	186,468	214,693	189,880	179,893	**201,369**	21.2	***11.9***	na
Benefits Paid	$ 64,460,007	54,556,277	51,355,794	65,260,782	60,286,659	51,383,246	**58,007,243**	30.7	***12.8***	na
Inpatient - General Hospital	$ 13,924,407	10,318,637	10,072,535	15,630,435	11,761,267	8,989,160	**11,702,719**	61.5	***30.1***	na
ICF Mental	$ 11,519,199	10,827,723	10,887,571	11,607,229	11,598,046	11,309,192	**11,313,538**	11.2	***0.0***	na
ICF I Services	$ 14,245,313	15,141,269	15,101,345	15,105,031	17,249,995	15,175,271	**15,152,955**	9.1	***-0.2***	na
Physicians	$ 7,449,867	5,369,960	4,994,820	7,090,528	6,013,265	4,809,169	**4,204,809**	57.3	***-12.6***	na
Drugs	$ 6,583,232	5,282,139	5,008,770	6,831,479	5,676,268	3,986,580	**6,826,556**	56.8	***71.2***	na

Support Enforcement Services	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
New Applications Received	na	4,578	6,374	4,759	5,187	4,594	**3,939**	na	***-14.3***	na
Number of Cases that Paid	na	18,767	18,756	18,184	19,844	18,699	**17,578**	na	***-6.0***	na
Amount Collected	$ na	2,417,792	2,318,016	2,134,906	2,487,708	2,247,737	**2,081,345**	na	***-7.5***	na
Average Amount per Case	$ na	128.83	123.59	117.41	125.36	120.21	**118.41**	na	***-1.5***	na

Beer Sales Information	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Number of Cases Sold	4,995,440	4,536,909	4,181,105	4,909,632	3,532,013	4,184,607	**3,668,933**	-4.4	***-12.4***	-2.7
Tax Revenue	$ 549,500	499,116	459,923	540,061	403,534	460,307	**403,312**	-4.5	***-12.4***	-2.5

State Employee's Retirement	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Retirement Benefits Disbursed										
Regular	$ 9,484,746	9,527,882	10,132,029	10,479,314	11,982,815	13,643,005	**11,650,452**	30.6	***-14.7***	20.5
Disability	$ 730,517	722,749	763,852	780,009	772,344	774,479	**790,964**	17.6	***2.1***	14.2
Survivors	$ 1,292,893	1,302,484	1,380,098	1,407,879	1,410,971	1,421,484	**1,434,881**	14.6	***0.9***	11.9
Total Benefits Disbursed	$ 11,508,156	11,553,115	12,275,979	12,667,202	14,166,130	15,838,968	**13,876,297**	27.9	***-12.4***	19.1
Average Check Amount										
Regular	$ 687.45	689.43	731.66	748.04	822.43	889.90	**758.99**	14.6	***-14.8***	12.3
Disability	$ 495.77	468.41	486.84	500.33	497.00	496.14	**502.20**	10.6	***1.2***	7.7
Survivors	$ 467.93	470.55	496.44	503.53	503.74	503.00	**507.20**	8.7	***0.8***	5.6

New Car Sales	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Buick	1,104	1,029	1,221	1,279	1,434	1,166	1,459	948	1,013	929	872	**1,083**	-1.4	***24.1***	1.1
Cadillac	431	335	448	494	437	374	457	331	379	350	305	**407**	-16.8	***33.4***	-5.7
Chevrolet	1,713	2,031	1,907	2,080	2,133	1,793	2,042	1,743	1,848	1,381	1,314	**1,941**	0.0	***47.7***	8.9
Chrysler	282	314	283	382	415	357	426	363	444	523	347	**482**	86.1	***38.9***	43.9
Datsun	693	559	581	622	835	867	967	553	342	147	106	**87**	-88.9	***-18.0***	-29.6
Dodge	385	316	310	422	610	315	372	345	454	509	327	**531**	59.9	***62.3***	19.7
Ford	1,890	1,868	1,801	1,933	2,211	1,657	1,886	1,440	2,130	1,828	1,413	**1,979**	10.3	***40.0***	13.9
Honda	427	367	534	494	478	432	698	314	537	419	378	**759**	81.5	***100.7***	55.1
Lincoln	221	315	304	279	321	312	315	305	397	397	275	**393**	95.5	***42.9***	31.8
Mazda	198	181	180	223	223	199	207	226	214	190	129	**185**	17.8	***43.4***	-11.8
Mercury	732	705	646	834	834	693	802	715	758	648	660	**732**	24.2	***10.9***	20.6
Oldsmobile	1,984	2,094	1,867	2,132	2,127	1,668	1,769	1,327	1,285	1,236	1,156	**1,669**	-7.9	***44.3***	-7.6
Plymouth	215	245	206	257	329	200	209	197	273	307	232	**372**	38.8	***60.3***	32.2
Pontiac	944	1,103	1,001	1,172	1,259	977	1,174	836	1,114	838	743	**1,008**	-7.7	***35.6***	-10.4
Renault	115	167	81	97	140	129	257	90	108	83	74	**48**	-47.9	***-35.2***	18.9
Toyota	803	544	523	550	819	840	1,068	744	801	714	660	**928**	11.1	***40.6***	-4.2
Volkswagen	138	138	112	129	102	107	93	108	88	60	78	**113**	0.8	***44.8***	30.6
Volvo	123	176	149	142	169	131	121	75	81	74	113	**128**	20.7	***13.2***	4.2
Other	490	426	489	641	593	445	445	481	574	922	979	**1,361**	144.7	***39.0***	36.5
Total Car Sales	12,888	12,913	12,643	14,162	15,469	12,662	14,767	11,141	12,840	11,555	10,161	**14,206**	9.8	***39.8***	5.4

New Truck Sales	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Chevrolet	1,703	1,882	1,906	2,168	2,172	1,792	2,006	1,586	1,803	1,561	1,360	**1,903**	3.9	***39.9***	6.4
Datsun	457	348	247	322	399	299	225	178	256	46	27	**21**	-90.0	***-22.3***	17.6
Dodge	641	739	803	778	965	750	703	576	750	651	626	**873**	49.2	***39.4***	49.9
Ford	2,087	2,269	2,313	2,428	2,718	2,129	2,229	1,855	2.261	1,969	1,669	**2,221**	3.0	***33.0***	10.5
GMC	494	484	507	697	661	499	590	437	641	508	395	**545**	7.0	***37.9***	10.9
Mazda	209	161	119	187	197	144	186	178	198	108	114	**182**	13.7	***59.6***	31.1
Toyota	672	485	498	634	850	576	781	793	678	481	479	**821**	25.9	***71.3***	57.8
Other	359	467	457	554	583	439	509	445	518	618	696	**1,048**	165.9	***50.5***	85.4
Total Truck Sales	6,622	6,835	6,850	7,768	8,545	6,628	7,229	6,048	7,105	5,942	5,366	**7,614**	17.2	***41.8***	20.7

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									Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Employment & Wage Statistics		**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		542.6	545.3	542.2	544.6	543.3	561.4	**567.7**	0.8	*1.1*	1.8
Total Employed (000)		495.5	496.9	492.1	491.4	488.8	506.6	**506.3**	-0.6	*-0.1*	3.2
Average Weekly Manufacturing Earnings	$	391.53	381.48	378.73	367.88	373.20	419.02	**422.69**	-2.2	*0.8*	10.3
Average Weekly Manufacturing Hours		42.1	40.8	40.9	39.6	40.0	40.8	**40.8**	-1.3	*0.0*	6.1
Total Unemployed (000)		47.1	48.4	50.1	53.2	54.5	54.8	**61.4**	14.7	*12.0*	-10.1
Unemployment Rate		8.7	8.9	9.2	9.8	10.0	9.8	**10.8**	13.6	*10.2*	-12.1
Regular State Unemployment Benefits											
Number of Recipients		58,584	62,413	53,291	60,253	60,972	62,047	**80,436**	na	*29.6*	na
Benefits Paid	$	8,892,700	9,365,447	8,055,067	9,170,774	9,395,661	9,440,908	**12,130,755**	na	*28.4*	na
Construction		**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)		308,190	277,677	270,846	270,846	264,845	273,454	**295,420**	na	*8.0*	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)											
Residential		64.0	38.3	35.3	57.5	30.6	22.0	**53.3**	20.0	*142.2*	10.8
Non-Residential		37.0	36.9	52.3	63.3	41.1	33.4	**41.0**	-30.4	*22.7*	10.9
Number Of Construction Contracts		1,298	768	601	598	661	391	**884**	1.6	*126.0*	-6.7
FHLB Construction Loans ($ Mil)		**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Construction											
Condominium	$	0.1	2.1	3.1	0.3	0.5	2.0	**1.3**	-72.4	*-35.0*	na
1-to-4 Unit	$	7.3	11.4	6.1	5.3	7.2	4.6	**6.6**	15.7	*43.4*	na
5 or More	$	2.7	9.4	5.5	8.4	1.5	8.3	**0.5**	-91.4	*-94.0*	na
Non-Residential	$	10.9	10.0	8.1	6.8	3.7	2.7	**6.5**	-61.1	*140.7*	na
Purchases											
Single (New)	$	13.1	13.7	15.6	11.2	11.7	8.8	**7.4**	-53.2	*-16.0*	na
Family (Other)	$	40.4	34.7	34.9	24.6	26.8	20.9	**16.1**	-28.5	*-23.0*	na
2-to-4 Unit	$	11.2	9.9	11.5	6.9	7.3	4.9	**5.8**	-14.8	*18.3*	na
5 or More	$	2.8	3.6	2.3	2.8	4.5	1.0	**2.1**	-63.8	*110.0*	na
Non-Residential	$	14.8	16.0	19.5	15.8	24.3	16.3	**19.0**	37.6	*16.5*	na
Other											
Land Loans	$	6.5	12.3	5.7	5.7	6.3	9.8	**11.6**	87.0	*18.3*	na
Refinancing	$	21.2	22.8	27.4	23.3	16.1	12.2	**23.6**	-34.3	*93.4*	na
All Other	$	13.2	11.7	7.0	8.0	20.5	11.0	**7.6**	-2.6	*-31.0*	na
Total Loans Closed	$	144.2	135.2	146.6	118.8	130.4	102.7	**108.2**	-26.8	*5.3*	3.2
Loans in Process	$	227.5	223.8	223.7	216.6	192.6	192.9	**171.5**	-34.3	*-11.1*	na
Seaport Activity (000 Tons)		**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Breakbulk Cargo		362.3	222.8	227.2	321.6	147.2	234.7	**252.6**	23.5	*7.6*	36.4
Imports		304.9	198.7	198.5	249.5	145.1	206.4	**243.4**	41.0	*17.9*	62.4
Exports		57.4	24.1	28.7	72.1	2.1	28.3	**9.2**	-71.1	*-67.5*	-29.9
Container Cargo		214.3	135.4	179.9	131.3	203.3	168.6	**113.8**	-43.4	*-32.6*	4.4
Imports		94.0	60.8	82.6	63.1	86.6	75.4	**50.4**	-42.4	*-33.2*	9.3
Exports		120.3	74.6	97.3	68.2	116.7	93.2	**63.4**	-44.1	*-32.0*	0.7
Ro-Ro Cargo		58.4	75.6	61.2	85.9	74.3	52.4	**86.2**	32.6	*64.5*	17.8
Imports		19.7	21.6	21.6	31.0	25.4	18.1	**28.0**	37.2	*54.6*	29.7
Exports		38.7	54.0	39.6	54.9	48.9	34.3	**58.2**	30.4	*69.6*	12.4
Lash & Seabee Cargo		24.6	16.8	10.8	17.2	1.6	22.1	**3.9**	-91.6	*-82.4*	-39.6
Imports		18.3	14.8	9.8	14.5	1.6	10.9	**2.6**	-87.4	*-76.2*	-26.0
Exports		6.3	2.0	1.0	2.7	0.0	11.2	**1.3**	-95.0	*-88.4*	-59.0
Bulk Terminal Cargo		106.3	201.0	108.2	155.5	64.7	70.1	**120.7**	-15.9	*72.1*	8.2
Imports		88.3	200.6	94.3	151.8	62.9	61.1	**97.2**	-3.1	*59.0*	29.7
Exports		18.0	0.4	13.9	3.7	1.8	9.0	**23.5**	-45.5	*161.1*	-54.5
Total		765.9	651.6	587.3	711.5	491.1	547.9	**577.2**	-12.6	*5.3*	14.4
Grain Exports		892.2	947.9	813.4	978.8	1,050.6	1,317.0	**1,189.1**	28.2	*-9.8*	36.7
Vessel Arrivals		347	339	308	330	347	387	**336**	5.0	*-13.2*	4.8
Grain Deliveries (Mil Bushels)		30.4	32.3	27.8	33.4	38.0	42.8	**39.4**	20.4	*-8.0*	33.1
Coffee Imports (000 Bags)		420.1	240.6	235.6	329.7	0.0	296.0	**226.0**	-17.2	*-23.7*	-6.9
Duty Collected ($ Mil)		17	18	15	18	19	19	**19**	35.7	*0.0*	33.3
Import Cars Loaded		335	316	198	256	218	226	**286**	9.5	*26.5*	17.1
Airport Activity		**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Cargo (Tons)		182	174	160	191	177	167	**175**	3.5	*4.7*	7.3
Flight Arrivals		6,093	6,253	5,687	5,823	5,049	5,034	**5,074**	4.1	*0.7*	13.6
Passengers (000)											
Enplaned		313.2	333.0	285.1	309.4	263.1	234.6	**218.4**	2.1	*-7.0*	12.9
Deplaned		312.9	340.4	286.2	315.1	258.6	223.3	**225.4**	2.0	*0.9*	13.6
Mail (Tons)											
Enplaned		586.8	615.5	616.8	927.5	478.0	851.5	**618.1**	8.5	*-27.5*	15.6
Deplaned		556.1	626.7	638.5	641.2	657.6	870.0	**669.5**	8.7	*-23.1*	2.8
Freight (Tons)											
Enplaned		1,171.4	1,009.9	1,091.7	1,082.3	1,182.2	1,112.2	**1,185.7**	32.1	*6.6*	11.8
Deplaned		1,463.1	1,458.6	1,524.3	1,638.3	1,585.0	1,271.1	**1,493.9**	0.6	*17.5*	4.7
Express (Tons)											
Enplaned		11.4	12.6	3.8	15.6	15.9	8.2	**5.3**	-56.6	*-35.4*	-13.7
Deplaned		18.9	31.8	3.8	35.2	27.4	24.3	**20.2**	-27.6	*-16.9*	-9.4

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Gas Activity Report • MCF	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	**Dec 84**			
Field Intake	4,621,221	4,620,327	4,666,481	5,608,965	5,628,358	5,244,040	**5,479,944**	21.8	*4.4*	4.8
Pipeline & Other Intake	19,816,340	19,003,030	18,423,493	18,198,231	19,557,273	18,534,416	**19,910,295**	8.7	*7.4*	16.0
Sales to Pipelines	20,495,106	19,559,176	18,985,553	19,489,925	20,773,563	19,700,922	**21,022,822**	10.2	*6.7*	16.5
Sales to City Gates & Industrials	459,636	469,523	480,130	447,318	458,390	459,001	**478,080**	-1.7	*4.1*	2.4
Return to Field	648,285	584,540	609,076	680,503	754,200	527,438	**706,890**	20.5	*34.0*	3.5
Returned for Gas Lift	1,131,430	1,214,885	1,209,508	1,150,400	1,180,098	1,123,056	**1,187,097**	5.6	*5.7*	-7.4
Returned to Reservoir	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**			
Vented	2,883	4,540	2,157	1,160	7,415	1,870	**2,024**	-2.0	*8.2*	-63.2
Plant Fuel	690,820	744,574	739,887	807,716	850,168	764,564	**807,728**	22.0	*5.6*	-1.3
Shrinkage and Other	1,009,401	1,046,119	1,063,663	1,230,174	1,161,797	1,201,605	**1,185,598**	34.4	*-1.4*	11.5
Beer Sales Information	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	**Nov 84**			
Number of Cases Sold	1,578,421	1,506,298	1,392,085	1,566,902	1,155,134	1,380,207	**1,122,576**	-8.6	*-18.7*	-3.0
Tax Revenue	$ 173,626	165,693	153,130	172,359	127,065	151,823	**123,483**	-8.6	*-18.7*	-3.0
Welfare Activity	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	**Jan 85**			
Aid To Dependent Children										
Total Assistance Payments	$ 4,418,757	4,434,568	4,402,653	4,513,646	4,467,598	4,550,865	**4,591,579**	8.1	*0.8*	na
Persons	74,648	75,253	74,469	76,583	75,631	77,373	**77,727**	8.5	*0.4*	na
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value	$ 7,236,717	7,404,828	7,512,977	8,108,272	8,348,712	8,439,727	**8,404,815**	18.5	*-0.5*	na
Recipients	152,461	155,563	156,900	159,629	162,356	164,017	**164,266**	10.7	*0.1*	na
Medicaid Information										
Claims	52,229	45,633	43,949	53,208	46,409	44,941	**48,070**	18.7	*6.9*	na
Benefits Paid	$ 14,353,710	10,691,741	8,170,052	15,010,797	14,014,048	10,456,721	**10,765,264**	33.9	*2.9*	na
Inpatient - General Hospital	$ 4,968,912	3,862,798	3,422,083	5,541,793	4,766,054	3,315,283	**3,618,720**	38.7	*9.1*	na
ICF Mental	$ 1,219,159	573,115	600,609	822,889	736,006	593,105	**532,186**	25.4	*-10.3*	na
ICF I Services	$ 1,590,236	1,659,879	1,643,451	1,680,589	1,734,438	1,732,649	**1,793,224**	20.6	*3.4*	na
Physicians	$ 2,552,216	1,945,587	1,833,266	2,521,302	2,154,058	1,804,206	**1,499,413**	43.9	*-16.9*	na
Drugs	$ 1,001,468	824,878	755,621	1,041,139	895,743	650,868	**1,026,419**	61.3	*57.7*	na
Support Enforcement Services	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	**Dec 84**			
New Applications Received	na	1,071	1,401	1,171	1,095	891	**620**	na	*-30.5*	na
Number of Cases that Paid	na	1,976	2,386	2,153	2,506	2,237	**2,198**	na	*-1.8*	na
Amount Collected	$ na	195,765	287,251	199,248	279,592	234,097	**227,478**	na	*-2.9*	na
Average Amount per Case	$ na	99.07	120.39	92.54	111.57	104.65	**103.49**	na	*-1.2*	na
General Business Activity	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	**Jan 85**			
Attendance at Conventions & Meetings	42,534	43,278	57,419	52,883	45,800	13,837	**29,460**	-31.4	*112.9*	-1.6
Telephone Lines (000)	787.4	790.0	792.4	793.0	790.9	790.7	**792.5**	1.9	*0.2*	na
Revenue Collections $	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	**Jan 85**			
Retail Sales Tax - State	19,193,541	22,764,066	21,842,030	22,559,553	23,782,375	21,913,157	**27,401,996**	37.4	*25.0*	23.6
Severance Tax	6,804,965	4,533,869	5,236,856	3,327,018	4,487,722	5,446,799	**5,234,888**	1.0	*-3.9*	29.1
Hotel/Motel Room Occupancy										
LA Stadium & Exposition District	1,116,785	1,458,678	1,058,334	1,089,247	1,382,370	1,354,101	**891,676**	-0.6	*-34.2*	35.1
New Orleans Exhibition Hall	478,459	598,254	422,151	437,800	594,426	591,806	**360,736**	-5.1	*-39.1*	43.4

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Buick	360	275	385	401	498	354	475	295	317	301	254	**320**	-11.7	*25.9*	8.2
Cadillac	127	107	138	169	148	113	147	93	138	126	108	**113**	-13.1	*4.6*	-3.1
Chevrolet	433	519	429	499	547	453	479	392	426	352	355	**479**	7.8	*34.9*	1.3
Chrylser	54	55	52	91	79	55	102	88	106	91	71	**117**	120.7	*64.7*	34.7
Datsun	265	222	234	254	292	340	387	227	147	68	32	**30**	-89.4	*-6.3*	-24.1
Dodge	127	127	131	155	161	126	140	141	144	159	101	**175**	15.8	*73.2*	2.9
Ford	629	551	608	597	675	558	663	463	616	591	463	**532**	17.1	*14.9*	12.5
Honda	121	111	179	160	144	142	228	86	124	130	95	**213**	71.7	*124.2*	32.4
Lincoln	48	68	87	71	81	91	120	83	102	148	69	**110**	66.6	*59.4*	17.0
Mazda	76	60	59	92	66	65	83	83	60	60	45	**64**	3.2	*42.2*	-2.0
Mercury	204	168	168	220	234	208	237	200	199	163	160	**210**	44.8	*31.2*	20.9
Oldsmobile	492	507	479	589	599	472	484	363	371	370	336	**450**	-2.0	*33.9*	-6.4
Plymouth	46	62	41	59	75	52	64	64	65	70	63	**108**	30.1	*71.4*	23.6
Pontiac	221	307	262	345	281	290	305	252	293	230	220	**272**	-4.3	*23.6*	52.5
Renault	29	35	32	36	42	43	79	30	34	24	19	**22**	-40.6	*15.7*	-29.8
Toyota	275	193	162	180	301	301	322	220	230	230	232	**260**	-5.8	*12.0*	-10.7
Volkswagen	31	31	22	44	35	55	45	50	55	25	42	**49**	-2.0	*16.6*	15.2
Volvo	41	59	40	43	66	51	35	17	25	18	39	**40**	29.0	*2.5*	-0.9
Other	162	190	183	255	244	166	157	191	209	357	399	**503**	91.9	*26.0*	27.8
Total Car Sales	3,741	3,647	3,691	4,260	4,568	3,935	4,552	3,338	3,661	3,513	3,103	**4,067**	8.3	*31.0*	6.2

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Chevrolet	344	358	410	416	466	374	359	285	331	326	235	**326**	-1.6	*38.7*	10.8
Datsun	108	89	61	96	91	84	51	47	54	18	5	**4**	-92.6	*-20.0*	23.1
Dodge	154	146	147	182	204	158	147	123	127	177	144	**170**	34.9	*18.0*	27.3
Ford	465	533	565	574	636	485	542	480	478	493	399	**468**	-0.7	*17.2*	0.9
GMC	47	43	45	69	69	49	74	40	69	66	40	**62**	44.1	*55.0*	16.2
Mazda	32	32	19	35	28	22	26	32	29	16	20	**29**	0.0	*45.0*	11.4
Toyota	216	131	142	183	231	178	187	180	189	130	125	**173**	10.8	*38.4*	71.6
Other	88	107	159	146	160	118	165	105	127	174	189	**279**	173.5	*47.6*	105.3
Total Truck Sales	1,454	1,439	1,548	1,701	1,885	1,468	1,551	1,292	1,404	1,400	1,157	**1,511**	15.1	*30.5*	19.6

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Louisiana

The Louisiana economy experienced a downturn in January, partly due to cutbacks following the holiday season. The seasonally adjusted total employment in the state declined more than one-half of one percent in January and the unemployment rate, also seasonally adjusted, increased to 10.6 percent from a revised 10.2 percent in December 1984. Total non-agricultural wage and salary employment decreased by 22,000 or 1.4 percent. The decline in Louisiana's employment was spread across all major sectors of the economy. Wholesale and retail trade employment decreased by 8,300 workers due primarily to layoffs after the holiday season. Government employment decreased by 3,500 workers due to cutbacks in state education payrolls. Manufacturing employment decreased by 3,800 workers due to a seasonal decline in nondurable goods production. Employment in mining, construction, and services also decreased in January.

The Louisiana Economic Indicator (LEI) increased a very modest two-tenths of one percent in January, following a revised three-tenths of one percent drop in December. The increase was primarily due to an increase in the index component predicting manufacturing activities. The components predicting mining and construction were depressed. The small increase in the LEI suggests that the Louisiana economy will grow at a rate below the national average during the next few months. General sales tax collections reported in January were 27.6 percent higher (reflecting Christmas sales) than in December 1984 and 44 percent higher than in January 1984. The value of construction contracts was 23.8 percent less than in December and 9.5 percent less than in January 1984. New car and truck sales in January were 40.5 percent higher than in December and 12.3 percent higher than in January 1984. Crude runs to still in December 1984 was 7.3 percent less than in the previous month and 4.5 percent higher than in December 1983. Comparing the

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Table 1

Data on Louisiana Metropolitan Areas

State/Metro Areas	Unemployment Rate Jan. 1985 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Unemployment Rate Dec. 1984 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Unemployment Rate Jan. 1984 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Ranking by Unadjusted Unemployment Rates Among 51 States and 240 Metro Areas Dec. 1984*	% Change in Number of Persons Employed 1/84-1/85
Louisiana	11.2%	10.6%	9.8%	10.2%	10.9%	10.4%	5**	1.1%
Alexandria	9.2%	na	8.3%	na	8.8%	na	21	1.3%
Baton Rouge	9.2%	9.0%	8.6%	8.9%	8.7%	8.5%	41	4.9%
Houma/Thibodaux	11.0%	na	9.4%	na	12.0%	na	26	4.2%
Lafayette	8.4%	na	7.3%	na	9.1%	7.3%	118	-0.3%
Lake Charles	15.8%	14.7%	14.1%	14.6%	15.6%	14.6%	7	-1.7%
Monroe	10.3%	9.5%	9.9%	9.9%	10.2%	9.3%	31	-3.1%
New Orleans	10.8%	na	9.8%	na	9.5%	9.5%	28	-0.6%
Shreveport	8.5%	na	7.4%	na	9.4%	9.4%	61	4.3%

*Ranked from highest unemployment rate to lowest unemploymentrate.The metropolitan areawith the highest unemployment rate is ranked number 1 and the areawith the lowest unemployment rate is ranked number 240.Ranking is on revised December 1984 data.

**Louisiana 's rank among the 51 states.

Economic Indicators: Baton Rouge Area

									Per Cent Change		
									Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
									Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Employment & Wage Statistics		**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		250.1	251.3	253.6	254.4	254.0	249.3	**252.1**	5.3	*1.1*	3.5
Total Employed (000)		229.3	230.1	232.2	231.4	230.7	227.8	**229.0**	4.8	*0.5*	5.0
Total Unemployed (000)		20.8	21.2	21.4	23.0	23.3	21.5	**23.1**	11.0	*7.4*	-10.9
Unemployment Rate		8.3	8.4	9.0	8.8	9.2	8.6	**9.2**	5.7	*6.9*	-14.0
Average Weekly Manufacturing Earnings	$	521.26	490.56	504.61	488.82	502.80	502.07	**545.49**	9.5	*8.6*	4.5
Average Weekly Manufacturing Hours		42.5	42.0	42.8	40.6	41.9	41.7	**43.5**	2.3	*4.3*	1.4
Regular State Unemployment Benefits											
Number of Recipients		24,878	26,197	22,322	25,539	26,620	25,247	**30,676**	na	*21.5*	na
Benefits Paid	$	3,869,476	4,116,338	3,563,171	4,072,042	4,285,349	4,101,455	**4,960,184**	na	*20.9*	na
Construction		**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)		32,950	33,090	30,211	30,211	30,546	38,751	**40,306**	na	*4.0*	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)											
Residential		34.3	27.2	20.1	39.4	17.0	16.9	**28.2**	-27.7	*66.8*	-9.1
Non-Residential		17.9	14.0	12.4	56.7	32.1	32.8	**26.5**	48.0	*-19.3*	26.9
Number Of Construction Contracts		719	398	328	1,626	845	264	**651**	-47.1	*146.5*	-12.1
FHLB Construction Loans ($ Mil)		**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Construction											
Condominium	$	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.5	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	na	*0.0*	na
1-to-4 Unit	$	9.7	3.5	2.7	4.7	5.6	1.7	**1.5**	na	*-11.8*	na
5 or More	$	0.5	0.0	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.7**	na	*0.0*	na
Non-Residential	$	1.2	0.8	0.4	1.0	3.5	0.9	**1.3**	na	*44.4*	na
Purchases											
Single (New)	$	3.1	2.5	3.9	3.5	4.0	2.8	**3.1**	na	*10.7*	na
Family (Other)	$	2.4	3.3	2.1	1.6	3.2	2.3	**2.4**	na	*4.3*	na
2-to-4 Unit	$	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	**0.4**	na	*0.0*	na
5 or More	$	2.0	4.1	0.6	0.0	0.0	1.9	**2.2**	na	*15.7*	na
Non-Residential	$	1.4	6.0	3.3	1.1	0.1	0.0	**0.2**	na	*0.0*	na
Other											
Land Loans	$	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	**2.5**	na	*0.0*	na
Refinancing	$	1.9	3.7	1.9	1.3	1.1	3.3	**2.9**	na	*-12.2*	na
All Other	$	5.8	2.6	6.9	2.0	2.2	3.6	**0.8**	na	*-77.8*	na
Total Loans Closed	$	29.1	27.7	27.6	16.9	20.8	16.6	**17.9**	5.2	*7.8*	25.0
Loans In Process	$	45.9	45.1	44.0	41.4	38.8	37.4	**34.3**	na	*-8.3*	na
Baton Rouge Port Activity		**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Net Tonnage Summary By Facility											
Cargo Docks		31,942	35,931	33,692	17,313	22,795	35,221	**29,372**	65.1	*-16.7*	-26.5
Barge Terminal		30,290	25,583	6,452	14,338	8,585	10,293	**14,319**	73.9	*39.1*	23.3
Molasses Terminal		18,881	36,724	21,375	0	43,785	0	**7,722**	18.0	*0.0*	17.4
Petroleum Terminal		82,567	50,065	17,266	70,393	66,444	10,730	**35,758**	-65.4	*233.2*	-60.5
MS Mooring Facility		141,538	99,201	120,906	123,006	116,303	81,123	**60,476**	1,614.1	*-25.5*	-19.7
MISC. Mid - Stream		na	na	na	na	na	na	**0**			na
Cargill Elevator		na	na	na	na	na	na	**336,950**			na
Total		303,005	247,504	199,691	225,050	257,912	137,367	**484,597**	48.7	*252.7*	-35.6
General Business Activity		**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Airline Cargo (Tons)											
Inbound		96.0	98.0	101.0	98.0	85.0	38.5	**86.5**	-2.5	*124.6*	1.6
Outbound		40.0	34.0	33.0	38.0	38.0	43.3	**79.8**	118.0	*84.2*	21.4
Airline Passenger Boardings (000)		28.0	29.0	25.0	28.0	27.0	24.8	**24.3**	3.4	*-2.1*	7.8
Classified Advertisement Lineage (000)		1,530.5	1,838.8	1,402.1	1,373.9	1,316.9	1,210.0	**1,173.2**	-5.5	*-3.1*	13.7
Classified Advertisement Count (000)		117.6	117.3	110.5	106.6	100.2	92.2	**97.4**	-2.6	*5.6*	5.8
Coal Exports (000 Tons)		69,944	63,384	120,906	123,006	60,906	57,710	**60,478**	0.0	*4.7*	-14.8
Telephone Lines (000)		241.9	244.0	245.6	246.5	246.0	245.0	**244.5**	2.5	*-0.3*	na
Beer Sales Information		**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**			
Number of Cases Sold		580,884	512,839	332,910	560,383	403,684	482,784	**418,802**	-3.0	*-13.3*	-5.5
Tax Revenue	$	63,896	56,412	36,620	61,642	44,406	53,106	**46,068**	-3.0	*-13.3*	-5.5
Welfare Activity		**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Aid To Dependent Children											
Total Assistance Payments	$	1,167,848	1,177,760	1,164,302	1,199,821	1,194,845	1,216,895	**1,226,449**	16.4	*0.7*	na
Persons		19,995	20,205	19,900	20,545	20,432	20,831	**21,043**	16.6	*1.0*	na
Food Stamp Information											
Coupon Value	$	2,640,599	2,672,611	2,711,465	2,915,231	2,999,408	3,046,102	**3,013,269**	22.8	*-1.1*	na
Recipients		56,200	56,918	57,264	58,159	59,248	60,061	**60,084**	14.4	*0.0*	na
Medicaid Information											
Claims		16,223	14,452	14,158	16,054	14,547	13,578	**15,685**	29.4	*15.5*	na
Benefits Paid	$	4,370,773	3,654,826	4,259,413	4,696,552	4,395,372	3,720,227	**4,120,715**	41.9	*10.7*	na
Inpatient - General Hospital	$	1,051,469	514,729	994,378	1,308,626	970,747	782,184	**805,863**	59.1	*3.0*	na
ICF Mental	$	150,178	234,537	219,668	264,677	406,918	463,538	**355,586**	43.5	*-23.3*	na
ICF I Services	$	1,159,721	1,264,622	1,248,020	1,202,208	3,097,128	1,262,711	**1,296,010**	16.4	*2.6*	na
Physicians	$	531,828	400,100	368,040	563,288	395,603	364,388	**295,412**	64.2	*-19.0*	na
Drugs	$	476,655	365,015	347,093	484,617	428,531	286,938	**490,938**	61.2	*71.0*	na

Economic Indicators: Baton Rouge Area — Per Cent Change

														Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Support Enforcement Services								Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	**Dec 84**		
New Applications Received								na	345	1,513	574	597	322	**315**	na	-2.2	na
Number of Cases that Paid								na	2,490	2,355	2,246	2,459	2,313	**2,114**	na	-8.7	na
Amount Collected	$							na	355,236	296,195	277,187	311,751	281,798	**266,676**	na	-5.4	na
Average Amount per Case	$							na	142.66	125.77	123.41	126.78	121.83	**126.15**	na	3.5	na
Revenue Collections	$							Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	**Jan 85**			
Retail Sales Tax - State								7,807,683	10,621,649	9,326,627	9,300,194	9,118,258	9,341,756	**12,463,466**	41.5	33.4	23.7
Severance Tax								3,861,465	3,823,200	3,714,178	2,753,582	3,508,975	3,732,500	**3,614,585**	49.8	-3.2	29.2
New Car Sales		Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	**Jan 85**			
Buick		117	116	104	151	150	110	198	114	97	109	101	**117**	-10.0	15.8	2.2
Cadillac		49	37	76	42	54	50	71	48	37	32	30	**48**	-41.5	60.0	-13.5
Chevrolet		214	227	213	280	292	216	296	242	234	193	201	**242**	-4.8	20.3	15.4
Chrysler		41	34	32	45	76	59	86	68	68	54	41	**61**	64.8	48.7	21.5
Datsun		133	98	92	99	173	158	211	91	50	23	26	**16**	-88.9	-38.5	-30.0
Dodge		50	22	28	63	76	19	59	57	39	39	47	**54**	145.4	14.8	54.9
Ford		184	214	215	197	348	180	259	153	185	166	114	**299**	31.1	162.2	5.0
Honda		75	61	93	78	89	62	140	74	178	76	78	**229**	205.3	193.5	113.6
Lincoln		21	35	21	25	37	40	29	22	34	29	27	**49**	308.3	81.4	31.7
Mazda		17	17	17	23	37	29	19	18	22	18	16	**16**	45.4	0.0	-12.4
Mercury		83	67	80	63	150	96	112	75	75	78	53	**92**	61.4	73.5	68.4
Oldsmobile		203	186	190	183	252	161	187	166	114	117	94	**170**	-9.1	80.8	-11.1
Plymouth		23	34	25	30	36	24	35	26	35	49	30	**49**	250.0	63.3	35.6
Pontiac		148	144	153	141	207	98	167	102	127	100	97	**111**	-21.3	14.4	-2.3
Renault		13	10	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	-100.0	0.0	-65.4
Toyota		273	192	163	145	279	279	401	311	293	227	209	**368**	23.4	76.0	1.3
Volkswagen		13	22	22	21	19	11	18	13	7	8	6	**18**	-14.3	200.0	-14.1
Volvo		54	69	64	49	57	39	45	38	29	27	36	**48**	0.0	33.3	4.7
Other		103	79	81	109	107	64	83	96	109	141	185	**247**	168.4	33.5	20.9
Total Car Sales		1,814	1,664	1,671	1,744	2,441	1,695	2,416	1,714	1,733	1,486	1,391	**2,234**	19.7	60.6	6.9
New Truck Sales		Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	**Jan 85**			
Chevrolet		174	229	247	190	279	161	267	229	174	137	176	**203**	-4.3	15.3	17.0
Datsun		117	86	37	66	111	68	62	37	61	7	7	**7**	-90.0	0.0	91.3
Dodge		102	141	130	137	169	88	164	82	113	84	89	**99**	-4.9	11.2	12.3
Ford		230	254	300	224	388	238	303	226	233	189	180	**278**	0.3	54.4	4.2
GMC		35	26	38	56	69	40	36	46	50	46	30	**34**	13.3	13.3	17.4
Mazda		34	20	24	31	27	18	35	25	48	23	28	**34**	6.2	21.4	34.4
Toyota		307	227	201	276	409	243	396	407	298	181	196	**364**	6.7	85.7	41.6
Other		47	37	50	71	92	45	48	57	56	74	111	**200**	222.5	80.1	47.5
Total Truck Sales		1,046	1,020	1,027	1,051	1,544	901	1,311	1,109	1,033	741	817	**1,219**	11.5	49.2	23.4

Economic Indicators: Lafayette Area — Per Cent Change

									Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
									Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Employment & Wage Statistics		**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		98.2	97.9	97.8	99.1	98.7	108.1	**108.5**	-1.1	*0.3*	2.1
Total Employed (000)		92.4	92.1	91.9	92.6	92.5	100.3	**99.4**	-0.4	*-0.9*	4.1
Total Unemployed (000)		5.8	5.8	5.9	6.5	6.2	7.8	**9.1**	-8.1	*16.6*	-20.8
Unemployment Rate		5.9	5.9	6.1	6.6	6.3	7.3	**8.4**	-7.7	*15.0*	-22.3
Regular State Unemployment Benefits											
Recipients		5,977	5,744	4,905	5,814	5,890	5,706	**7,573**	na	*32.7*	na
Benefits Paid	$	866,295	831,507	720,604	842,414	867,857	837,664	**1,109,895**	na	*32.4*	na
Construction		**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)		15,237	14,656	14,656	14,656	14,656	14,656	**14,254**	na	*-2.8*	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)											
Residential		7.3	9.3	8.1	15.9	4.6	4.9	**6.8**	-51.1	*38.7*	-13.0
Non-Residential		3.3	3.5	5.5	11.0	5.5	16.2	**3.6**	16.1	*-77.8*	82.8
Number Of Construction Contracts		99	150	173	492	84	107	**171**	-34.5	*59.8*	-22.7
FHLB Statistics ($ Mil)		**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Construction											
Condominium	$	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	-100.0	*0.0*	na
1-to-4 Unit	$	0.2	0.8	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.8	**0.5**	0.0	*-37.5*	na
5 or More	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	*0.0*	na
Non-Residential	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	**0.2**	0.0	*0.0*	na
Purchases											
Single (New)	$	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.3	**0.2**	100.0	*-33.4*	na
Family (Other)	$	1.0	1.9	1.9	1.1	0.8	1.2	**0.3**	-62.5	*-75.0*	na
2-to-4 Unit	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	*0.0*	na
5 or More	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**3.3**	0.0	*0.0*	na
Non-Residential	$	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	-100.0	*0.0*	na
Other											
Land Loans	$	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	**0.2**	-87.5	*100.0*	na
Refinancing	$	1.3	1.4	2.6	1.5	1.9	3.1	**1.7**	-39.3	*-45.2*	na
All Other	$	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.5	**0.4**	-76.5	*-20.0*	na
Total Loans Closed	$	3.6	4.7	10.4	4.5	4.6	5.9	**6.6**	-29.1	*11.8*	-30.7
Loans in Process	$	9.6	8.2	7.7	7.4	6.6	6.1	**4.8**	-59.7	*-21.4*	na
General Business Activity		**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Airline Cargo (Tons)		19	14	11	15	13	14	**15**	7.1	*7.1*	-31.5
Airline Passenger Boardings (000)		10.0	11.0	10.0	11.0	11.0	18.7	**20.6**	157.5	*10.1*	34.6
Telephone Lines (000)		184.0	184.8	185.2	185.5	185.3	18.5	**183.9**	16.8	*894.0*	na
Welfare Activity		**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Aid To Dependent Children											
Total Assistance Payments	$	217,228	217,718	215,524	221,163	226,421	232,282	**237,241**	17.6	*2.1*	na
Persons		4,038	4,041	4,006	4,121	4,206	4,307	**4,453**	19.3	*3.3*	na
Food Stamp Information											
Coupon Value	$	568,890	583,520	601,126	627,744	662,735	672,845	**657,461**	23.0	*-2.3*	na
Recipients		12,792	13,045	13,314	13,291	13,692	13,838	**13,787**	15.9	*-0.4*	na
Medicaid Information											
Claims		4,843	4,646	4,510	5,066	4,445	4,315	**5,034**	27.0	*16.6*	na
Benefits Paid	$	1,480,452	1,297,178	1,250,090	1,449,506	1,368,005	1,243,770	**1,465,935**	50.6	*17.8*	na
Inpatient - General Hospital	$	314,839	268,208	182,444	229,970	262,169	270,194	**282,463**	165.0	*4.5*	na
ICF Mental	$	14,464	21,446	26,889	31,055	33,813	36,110	**34,326**	598.8	*-5.0*	na
ICF I Services	$	526,309	538,987	555,750	560,271	570,973	548,055	**534,259**	6.0	*-2.6*	na
Physicians	$	170,959	156,596	109,348	163,282	113,466	95,973	**114,657**	101.2	*19.4*	na
Drugs	$	186,348	161,085	156,111	211,449	178,811	129,289	**208,037**	71.9	*60.9*	na
Support Enforcement Services		**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
New Applications Received		na	722	435	424	450	278	**268**	na	*-3.6*	na
Number of Cases that Paid		na	1,978	1,944	1,932	2,036	1,971	**1,882**	na	*-4.6*	na
Amount Collected	$	na	302,840	283,596	274,384	306,262	297,096	**267,903**	na	*-9.9*	na
Average Amount per Case	$	na	153.10	145.88	142.02	150.42	150.73	**142.35**	na	*-5.6*	na
Gas Activity Report • MCF		**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**			
Field Intake		27,571,677	27,535,916	27,924,549	26,578,464	27,217,624	26,146,289	**26,307,166**	-10.6	*0.6*	-9.5
Pipeline & Other Intake		19,324,818	24,708,209	20,788,240	18,597,463	21,997,369	12,457,050	**16,258,759**	-26.0	*30.5*	-6.1
Sales to Pipelines		39,991,566	45,040,045	42,471,333	38,706,371	42,560,228	32,765,946	**36,670.681**	-17.8	*11.9*	-8.5
Sales to City Gates & Industrials		37,996	41,750	38,694	41,422	39,346	38,396	**43,448**	-7.9	*13.1*	-36.8
Return to Field		1,179,048	1,048,970	797,865	802,470	800,858	924,284	**953,382**	4.6	*3.1*	2.3
Returned for Gas Lift		979,591	1,015,363	806,698	1,281,080	1,310,440	828,167	**819,614**	-27.6	*-1.1*	-12.0
Returned to Reservoir		1,303,977	1,284,921	1,263,003	1,281,080	1,310,443	1,336,384	**1,037,722**	-9.9	*-22.4*	-0.6
Vented		68,305	59,181	52,373	52,208	44,033	35,639	**33,040**	-24.2	*-7.3*	-32.0
Plant Fuel		1,540,763	1,746,099	1,578,932	1,537,160	1,430,590	1,213,980	**1,260,237**	-14.6	*3.8*	1.5
Shrinkage and Other		1,795,249	2,008,068	1,703,891	1,796,585	1,911,629	1,460,543	**1,747,537**	-15.3	*19.6*	-10.3
Beer Sales Information		**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**			
Number of Cases Sold		241,014	206,426	197,840	218,899	170,277	192,856	**153,257**	-18.9	*-20.6*	-2.9
Tax Revenue	$	26,512	22,707	21,762	24,079	18,730	21,214	**16,858**	-18.9	*-20.6*	-2.9
Revenue Collections	**$**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**			
Retail Sales Tax - State		3,690,740	4,197,601	4,668,881	4,632,224	5,468,215	4,291,796	**5,421,703**	25.0	*26.3*	27.5
Severence Tax		467,011	444,397	474,456	406,672	397,398	427,596	**366,167**	-17.5	*-14.4*	26.9

Economic Indicators: Lafayette Area Per Cent Change

													Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
													Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
New Car Sales	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85			
Buick	58	56	48	64	46	40	68	38	47	37	32	55	48.6	71.8	12.8
Cadillac	37	19	29	38	35	29	34	36	38	30	25	43	53.5	72.0	11.9
Chevrolet	85	104	109	115	85	85	86	71	92	87	63	96	14.2	52.3	25.7
Chrysler	27	31	13	20	30	23	30	18	26	23	29	27	0.0	-6.9	8.7
Datsun	62	42	44	50	77	79	65	42	28	14	9	14	-78.8	55.5	-23.6
Dodge	18	18	24	18	22	17	30	33	44	28	18	20	33.3	11.1	57.6
Ford	73	101	72	132	93	88	77	71	104	76	84	125	-12.6	48.8	22.3
Honda	36	19	34	39	36	24	38	19	20	18	25	39	85.7	56.0	52.1
Lincoln	13	22	20	14	22	31	13	16	22	19	29	35	400.0	20.6	47.1
Mazda	25	22	18	17	34	14	26	240	21	27	14	17	6.2	21.4	50.3
Mercury	30	31	25	34	34	31	43	30	30	38	38	32	14.2	-15.8	29.8
Oldsmobile	51	59	72	57	57	65	67	43	35	37	45	45	-13.5	0.0	-7.6
Plymouth	25	10	4	12	13	9	6	9	8	36	17	23	76.9	35.2	47.0
Pontiac	42	63	69	61	65	60	66	50	60	41	53	31	-47.5	-41.5	41.2
Renault	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	6	17	11	7	2	0.0	-71.5	na
Toyota	26	23	23	27	31	28	41	21	28	26	25	27	3.8	8.0	1.8
Volkswagen	20	1	25	30	17	15	9	15	14	15	6	15	15.3	150.0	45.6
Volvo	9	20	23	18	16	14	12	6	7	8	18	16	33.3	-11.2	18.4
Other	51	21	62	75	46	47	46	43	59	86	80	124	275.7	55.0	46.5
Total Car Sales	688	662	714	821	759	699	771	807	700	657	617	786	15.5	27.3	21.3
New Truck Sales	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85			
Chevrolet	90	115	123	146	104	119	113	80	118	91	89	100	8.6	12.3	17.1
Datsun	42	16	27	30	24	21	16	12	33	6	1	2	-87.5	100.0	11.1
Dodge	50	44	61	51	60	52	45	41	60	42	43	67	45.6	55.8	69.6
Ford	112	83	86	105	121	96	81	92	98	76	58	98	-27.5	68.9	20.7
GMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	na
Mazda	29	22	10	32	47	31	35	24	28	9	18	38	192.3	111.1	91.1
Toyota	15	19	18	23	20	24	29	32	34	27	23	30	172.7	30.4	121.0
Other	13	21	19	9	21	17	19	16	32	78	62	100	900.0	61.2	367.8
Total Truck Sales	351	320	344	396	397	360	338	297	403	329	294	435	34.6	47.9	43.3

Economic Indicators: Lake Charles Area — Per Cent Change

									Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
									Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Employment & Wage Statistics		Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		76.3	75.5	75.2	74.9	74.4	74.1	**75.9**	-1.6	*2.4*	-3.6
Total Employed (000)		65.9	65.4	65.1	64.8	64.8	64.7	**64.0**	-1.7	*-1.1*	-2.6
Total Unemployed (000)		10.4	10.1	10.1	10.1	9.6	9.4	**12.0**	0.8	*27.6*	-9.0
Unemployment Rate		13.6	13.4	13.4	13.5	12.9	12.6	**15.7**	0.6	*24.6*	-5.9
Regular State Unemployment Benefits											
Number of Recipients		13,729	11,613	9,917	10,997	10,824	10,446	**15,890**	na	*52.1*	na
Benefits Paid	$	2,136,986	1,786,237	1,520,495	1,655,584	1,597,726	1,565,542	**2,477,721**	na	*58.2*	na
Construction		Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)		17,079	17,079	17,490	17,490	17,461	17,461	**17,590**	na	*0.7*	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)											
Residential		2.8	3.2	2.0	1.8	1.6	2.1	**0.9**	-76.4	*-57.2*	-32.2
Non-Residential		3.0	1.2	1.9	1.4	1.5	0.4	**2.4**	-52.0	*500.0*	-11.4
Number Of Construction Contracts		44	62	42	39	34	24	**25**	-43.2	*4.1*	-37.2
Gas Activity Report • MCF		Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Field Intake		4,264,425	4,358,743	4,593,141	3,678,127	4,492,260	3,726,801	**4,023,725**	21.9	*7.9*	-43.2
Pipeline & other intake		9,587,725	9,886,032	9,246,960	9,514,838	9,687,563	8,821,859	**10,257,148**	6.9	*16.2*	53.0
Sales to Pipelines		7,743,130	8,126,182	7,867,786	6,821,065	7,908,807	6,908,433	**7,675,317**	8.4	*11.1*	-0.8
Sales to City Gates & Industrials		4,811,303	4,760,628	4,829,003	5,125,123	4,922,594	4,617,098	**5,326,557**	14.8	*15.3*	3.3
Return to Field		7,125	5,707	5,906	8,848	7,796	5,172	**8,145**	-27.8	*57.4*	-43.4
Returned for Gas Lift		237,789	333,394	180,492	249,690	275,624	18,148	**184,949**	-26.7	*919.1*	-16.1
Returned to Reservoir		20,147	14,254	11,353	59,907	88,877	118,937	**119,424**		*0.4*	67.9
Vented		67,866	61,910	47,517	49,435	47,283	31,531	**45,974**	-27.9	*45.8*	53.8
Plant Fuel		317,601	302,224	285,262	287,236	290,481	241,176	**267,403**	-0.4	*10.8*	5.1
Shrinkage and Other		647,189	640,476	612,782	591,661	638,361	608,165	**653,104**	14.2	*7.3*	-4.0
Beer Sales Information		May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84			
Number of Cases Sold		198,352	179,765	177,420	198,122	132,765	164,781	**145,196**	-6.9	*-11.9*	-6.8
Tax Revenue	$	21,819	19,774	19,516	21,793	14,604	18,126	**15,972**	-6.9	*-11.9*	-6.8
General Business Activity		Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85			
Airline Cargo (Tons)		8.0	8.0	8.0	9.0	9.0	9.4	**9.4**	56.6	*0.0*	20.5
Airline Passenger Boardings (000)		3.7	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	**3.2**	6.6	*6.6*	21.1
Telephone Lines (000)		93.1	93.4	93.6	93.8	93.6	93.4	**93.0**	-20.9	*-0.5*	na
Lake Charles Port Activity		Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85			
Port Shipments (000 Tons)											
Imports		102.8	100.5	88.0	206.3	79.9	101.0	**103.2**	na	*2.1*	na
Exports		224.7	243.8	226.0	302.5	330.4	188.5	**149.1**	na	*-21.0*	na
Private Facilities (000 Tons)											
Imports		548.6	885.2	710.2	521.6	1,022.9	776.7	**593.1**	na	*-23.7*	na
Exports		743.5	555.5	488.7	574.1	527.9	492.9	**395.3**	na	*-19.9*	na
Welfare Activity		Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85			
Aid To Dependent Children											
Total Assistance Payments	$	347,689	344,712	346,211	358,672	355,084	362,769	**369,212**	19.0	*1.7*	na
Persons		6,279	6,267	6,246	6,480	6,382	6,560	**6,666**	18.5	*1.6*	na
Food Stamp Information											
Coupon Value	$	1,020,374	1,029,967	1,040,367	1,092,333	1,142,390	1,164,462	**1,144,275**	27.3	*-1.8*	na
Recipients		21,941	21,981	22,021	21,910	22,328	22,771	**22,810**	17.5	*0.1*	na
Medicaid Information											
Claims		6,077	5,551	5,545	5,900	5,307	4,937	**5,525**	18.7	*11.9*	na
Benefits Paid	$	2,247,618	1,961,332	2,050,077	2,185,155	2,035,892	1,824,020	**2,077,319**	29.7	*13.8*	na
Inpatient - General Hospital	$	463,046	314,985	308,434	405,462	321,893	252,207	**286,429**	13.9	*13.5*	na
ICF Mental	$	387,944	386,268	385,921	389,514	409,960	434,571	**437,676**	37.4	*0.7*	na
ICF I Services	$	631,503	673,187	669,560	659,636	718,261	646,914	**632,940**	1.1	*-2.2*	na
Physicians	$	205,291	165,396	134,826	188,765	140,987	124,701	**96,382**	44.2	*-22.8*	na
Drugs	$	190,270	169,458	149,564	182,098	164,189	118,179	**166,790**	44.3	*41.1*	na
Support Enforcement Services		Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
New Applications Received		na	247	249	203	372	321	**254**	na	*-20.9*	na
Number of Cases that Paid		na	887	842	846	927	860	**775**	na	*-9.9*	na
Amount Collected	$	na	117,869	106,526	102,086	117,783	105,549	**95,381**	na	*-9.7*	na
Average Amount per Case	$	na	132.88	126.51	120.67	127.06	122.73	**123.07**	na	*0.2*	na
Revenue Collections	$	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85			
Retail Sales Tax - State		2,100,754	2,438,971	2,737,214	2,511,655	2,656,514	2,574,022	**3,127,796**	39.9	*21.5*	20.7
Severence Tax		1,610,111	1,298,482	1,009,448	2,207,101	1,700,528	1,263,145	**1,738,085**	23.6	*37.5*	20.4

Economic Indicators: Lake Charles Area Per Cent Change

													Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
													Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
New Car Sales	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85			
Buick	74	54	52	40	77	53	32	37	37	26	34	**38**	-2.6	***11.7***	2.5
Cadillac	13	8	6	17	11	11	15	17	10	11	10	**8**	-42.9	***-20.0***	-8.7
Chevrolet	59	97	109	104	90	89	85	61	85	75	75	**67**	-20.3	***-10.7***	4.4
Chrysler	0	0	0	2	3	3	3	2	2	5	11	**22**	0.0	***100.0***	na
Datsun	46	32	41	43	51	58	59	28	29	4	1	**3**	-94.9	***200.6***	-29.9
Dodge	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	6	17	**30**	0.0	***76.4***	na
Ford	71	76	74	99	83	65	87	65	62	55	45	**79**	61.2	***75.5***	26.2
Honda	17	32	22	18	20	24	27	12	18	14	16	**19**	-29.7	***18.7***	35.7
Lincoln	7	13	16	16	19	8	17	14	20	21	14	**14**	366.6	***0.0***	33.5
Mazda	6	6	5	3	5	5	8	6	8	6	3	**5**	66.6	***66.6***	-26.7
Mercury	23	31	22	43	25	27	29	37	32	29	20	**19**	18.7	***-5.0***	22.9
Oldsmobile	53	64	65	85	69	57	68	57	48	41	30	**55**	19.5	***83.3***	-19.1
Plymouth	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	8	8	**10**	0.0	***25.0***	na
Pontiac	70	87	58	71	95	48	71	65	76	53	27	**50**	-31.6	***85.1***	19.9
Renault	2	12	6	8	6	9	5	7	18	10	4	**5**	-54.6	***25.0***	73.5
Toyota	14	9	17	17	11	23	27	18	31	27	16	**30**	100.0	***87.5***	-0.5
Volkswagen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Volvo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Other	12	6	11	14	14	17	16	17	29	56	36	**84**	500.0	***133.3***	118.1
Total Car Sales	467	527	504	584	580	499	549	444	505	447	367	**538**	19.0	***46.5***	9.3
New Truck Sales	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85			
Chevrolet	94	101	97	90	89	82	99	71	84	63	64	**78**	-17.9	***21.8***	-0.4
Datsun	44	36	17	23	32	22	17	18	27	0	1	**0**	-100.0	***-100.0***	19.6
Dodge	0	0	1	8	9	3	3	4	13	17	30	**65**	0.0	***116.6***	na
Ford	83	89	100	121	88	80	83	72	81	70	66	**68**	-23.6	***3.0***	-2.7
GMC	49	64	62	86	87	59	83	61	95	86	47	**75**	44.2	***59.5***	24.8
Mazda	5	10	2	4	6	3	8	6	3	5	1	**5**	150.0	***400.0***	34.8
Toyota	11	10	11	11	14	20	22	22	26	31	16	**38**	442.8	***137.5***	144.2
Other	13	10	14	41	24	16	25	25	33	52	69	**69**	200.0	***0.0***	144.3
Total Truck Sales	299	320	304	384	349	285	340	279	362	324	294	**398**	40.6	***35.3***	22.1

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latest twelve months with the prior twelve months, general sales taxes were 27.9 percent higher in the current period, partly due to the increase in the sales tax rate. The value of non-residential building contracts was 23.7 percent higher and non-building contracts was 46.7 percent lower. During the past twelve months, new car sales increased 5.3 percent and new truck sales increased 20.6 percent.

Metropolitan Areas

Table 1 shows the latest trends in employment and unemployment rates in Louisiana and its metropolitan areas. The data for Lafayette and New Orleans metro areas are adjusted to reflect the new parishes included in these metro areas; data have also been adjusted to reflect the fact that Alexandria and Shreveport contain fewer parishes. Lafayette and Shreveport have the two lowest unemployment rates in the state, while Lake Charles continues to have the highest rate. The national ranking in column 5 of Table 1 shows that areas with higher unemployment rates had a higher ranking and vice versa. The ranking of 41 for Baton Rouge, according to unrevised December 1984 data, means that 199 metro areas in the nation had lower unemployment rates and 40 had higher unemployment rates. Lafayette and Shreveport were ranked 118 and 61, respectively; Monroe ranked 31st; New Orleans, 28th; Alexandria,21st and Houma-Thibodaux was 26th. Lake Charles had the 7th highest unemployment rate among the 240 metro areas of the country. Every metropolitan area in Louisiana, with the exception of Lafayette, ranked among the 25 percent of American cities with the highest rates of unemployment.

Employment in both the Shreveport and Baton Rouge metro areas has been growing rather nicely during the past year, but in Baton Rouge the labor force has been growing faster than employment. The labor force in Baton Rouge grew 5.4% between January 1984 and January 1985 but its total employment grew 4.9%. Thus, while Baton Rouge's unemployment rate has increased from 8.8% in January 1984 to 9.2% in January 1985, its economy is doing better than indicated by the unemployment rate. As argued in the Louisiana Economic Trends issued by this office in June 1984, employment growth is, for most local purposes, a much better indicator of economic performance.

Comparing January 1985 with January 1984, Baton Rouge had the highest percentage increase in total employment among the metro areas, followed by Shreveport and Houma/Thibodaux. During the past twelve months, total employment in Baton Rouge grew 4.9 percent while the employment in Shreveport grew 4.3 percent. Lafayette, Lake Charles, Monroe, and New Orleans had de-

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Economic Indicators: Alexandria Area — Per Cent Change

									Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
									Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Employment & Wage Statistics		Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	**Jan 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		78.1	79.8	80.0	80.0	79.4	60.7	**61.4**	1.6	*1.1*	-0.4
Total Employed (000)		70.9	72.3	72.5	71.9	70.8	55.6	**55.8**	1.2	*0.3*	1.5
Total Unemployed (000)		7.2	7.5	7.5	8.1	8.6	5.1	**5.6**	5.6	*9.8*	-15.1
Unemployment Rate		9.2	9.4	9.4	10.1	10.8	8.3	**9.2**	4.5	*10.8*	-14.7
Regular State Unemployment Benefits											
Recipients		5,424	5,564	4,657	5,696	6,064	6,654	**8,089**	na	*21.5*	na
Benefits Paid	$	707,781	683,631	602,698	758,106	829,328	938,112	**1,113,728**	na	*18.7*	na
Construction		Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	**Jan 85**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)		67,978	71,456	71,456	71,456	70,839	76,826	**70,633**	na	*-8.1*	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)											
Residential		4.0	6.5	4.1	3.0	2.8	2.2	**2.9**	38.0	*31.8*	-29.2
Non-Residential		2.7	1.8	4.1	5.6	3.1	3.1	**4.4**	120.0	*41.9*	27.3
Number Of Construction Contracts		63	83	66	66	48	34	**45**	12.5	*32.3*	-33.3
General Business Activity		Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	**Jan 85**			
Airline Cargo (Tons)		4	3	4	9	6	3	**2**	-77.8	*-33.4*	-36.4
Airline Passenger Boardings (000)		3.3	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.3	6.1	**6.6**	83.3	*8.1*	-10.3
Telephone Lines (000)		99.1	99.3	99.7	99.7	99.6	99.5	**97.0**	-1.1	*-2.6*	na
Welfare Activity		Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	**Jan 85**			
Aid To Dependent Children											
Total Assistance Payments	$	332,027	335,149	332,872	335,291	331,562	342,422	**339,154**	7.8	*-1.0*	na
Persons		6,095	6,220	6,130	6,153	6,066	6,257	**6,270**	8.4	*0.2*	na
Food Stamp Information											
Coupon Value	$	852,838	854,066	866,289	910,341	965,206	975,037	**950,377**	12.4	*-2.6*	na
Recipients		19,990	19,979	19,919	19,736	20,364	20,671	**20,677**	6.7	*0.0*	na
Medicaid Information											
Claims		9,512	8,826	8,684	9,649	8,753	8,302	**9,045**	11.6	*8.9*	na
Benefits Paid	$	5,858,245	5,907,269	5,740,892	6,182,117	5,824,239	5,745,420	**6,077,094**	17.2	*5.7*	na
Inpatient - General Hospital	$	404,908	401,413	319,368	456,135	273,204	336,721	**350,290**	35.5	*4.0*	na
ICF Mental	$	3,529,396	3,682,428	3,600,083	3,690,881	3,663,587	3,726,799	**3,844,767**	14.0	*3.1*	na
ICF I Services	$	1,029,044	1,087,016	1,080,938	1,066,980	1,093,278	1,094,705	**1,079,834**	4.4	*-1.4*	na
Physicians	$	199,957	158,473	137,123	235,329	191,004	132,409	**137,004**	117.0	*3.4*	na
Drugs	$	296,606	227,870	245,642	287,325	276,259	171,484	**77,889**	-57.4	*-54.6*	na
Support Enforcement Services		Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	**Dec 84**			
New Applications Received		na	438	456	659	552	597	**418**	na	*-30.0*	na
Number of Cases that Paid		na	1,539	1,548	1,507	1,700	1,603	**1,509**	na	*-5.9*	na
Amount Collected	$	na	190,435	184,008	181,552	210,021	191,151	**171,233**	na	*-10.5*	na
Average Amount per Case	$	na	123.74	118.87	120.47	123.54	119.25	**113.47**	na	*-4.9*	na
Beer Sales Information		May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	**Nov 84**			
Number of Cases Sold		142,250	121,169	130,555	137,741	95,041	114,362	**105,530**	1.3	*-7.8*	2.0
Tax Revenue	$	15,647	13,329	14,361	15,152	10,455	12,580	**11,608**	1.3	*-7.8*	2.0
Revenue Collections	$	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	**Jan 85**			
Retail Sales Tax - State		1,334,988	1,684,655	1,738,892	1,664,952	1,585,983	1,609,217	**1,965,066**	40.7	*22.1*	33.7
Severence Tax		184,018	171,315	174,425	112,842	181,141	76,488	**242,030**	67.5	*216.4*	-2.5

New Car Sales	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	**Jan 85**	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Buick	24	39	44	27	51	27	48	35	23	23	21	**55**	89.6	*161.9*	9.4
Cadillac	7	15	7	10	15	11	5	12	5	4	12	**9**	12.5	*-25.0*	-21.2
Chevrolet	52	55	71	58	55	54	49	60	53	37	26	**64**	-11.2	*146.1*	14.4
Chrysler	9	3	6	7	14	9	9	5	13	7	4	**14**	366.6	*250.0*	53.8
Datsun	22	17	15	18	29	16	26	12	7	1	4	**5**	-77.3	*25.0*	-41.7
Dodge	7	9	9	8	9	4	7	9	10	9	5	**15**	36.3	*200.0*	20.2
Ford	65	54	36	59	62	54	59	67	46	50	39	**62**	10.7	*58.9*	14.5
Honda	28	26	25	18	23	16	25	13	17	19	16	**37**	42.3	*131.2*	43.7
Lincoln	3	8	5	12	19	9	12	8	8	21	8	**20**	150.0	*150.0*	24.2
Mazda	11	8	11	15	11	13	15	12	14	9	4	**10**	-16.7	*150.0*	-24.0
Mercury	14	28	30	42	43	15	23	35	34	30	23	**50**	257.1	*117.3*	208.4
Oldsmobile	75	93	59	80	73	54	45	52	55	29	30	**65**	-19.8	*116.6*	-24.1
Plymouth	8	5	4	9	6	1	8	10	16	6	2	**11**	266.6	*450.0*	30.3
Pontiac	36	36	32	34	54	32	40	31	46	28	15	**49**	48.4	*226.6*	9.8
Renault	8	8	6	3	7	10	5	6	6	2	6	**3**	200.0	*-50.0*	337.5
Toyota	19	6	15	11	8	12	14	10	5	19	4	**16**	23.0	*300.0*	-28.4
Volkswagen	2	1	1	4	5	3	3	5	0	0	1	**6**	200.0	*500.0*	55.0
Volvo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	*0.0*	na
Other	21	10	14	20	13	19	19	15	16	30	25	**42**	366.6	*68.0*	10.9
Total Car Sales	411	421	390	435	497	359	412	397	374	324	245	**533**	32.2	*117.5*	6.1

Economic Indicators: Alexandria Area

													Per Cent Change		
													Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
New Truck Sales	**Feb 84**	**Mar 84**	**Apr 84**	**May 84**	**Jun 84**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Chevrolet	52	53	70	42	83	53	56	58	41	45	34	**72**	50.0	111.7	-1.1
Datsun	18	8	13	13	22	13	7	6	12	0	2	**2**	-80.0	0.0	-14.4
Dodge	34	31	30	14	65	20	25	23	23	14	6	**31**	-8.9	416.6	37.3
Ford	94	87	81	98	115	104	94	81	108	67	54	**98**	15.2	81.4	7.9
GMC	8	13	14	24	12	14	14	14	17	15	13	**18**	20.0	38.4	0.0
Mazda	12	18	2	16	8	15	8	10	13	13	3	**11**	37.5	266.6	3.4
Toyota	11	9	14	15	8	12	7	11	3	12	9	**17**	0.0	88.8	1.5
Other	14	18	22	29	32	24	21	39	28	33	25	**63**	350.0	152.0	86.0
Total Truck Sales	243	237	246	251	345	255	232	242	245	199	146	**312**	35.0	113.6	13.5

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creases in total employment. Baton Rouge also had the greatest absolute increase in total non-agricultural wage and salary employment (13,100), reflecting the relative strength of the local economy in the state. The Baton Rouge economy had employment gains in durables manufacturing (7.7%), construction (18.2%), transportation, communication and the public utilities (7.3%), trade (6.8%), finance, insurance and real estate (7.2%), services (3.4%), and government (5.4%).

Baton Rouge

The value of construction contracts in Baton Rouge was 10 percent higher in January than in the previous month and 3.9 percent lower than in January 1984. Retail sales taxes in December 1984 were 2.4 percent higher than in November and 27.8 percent higher than in December 1983. Total cargo handled at the port in January 1984 was 7.4 percent higher than in the previous month and 6 percent higher than in January 1984. The number of airline passengers in November 1984 was 3.6 percent less than in October and 10.2 percent greater than in November 1983. Comparing the latest twelve months with the prior twelve months, the value residential construction decreased 9.1 percent in the current period and the value of non-residential construction increased 26.9 percent. Retail sales taxes increased 21.9 percent in the current period. Total cargo handled by the port decreased 39.7 percent and the number of airline passengers increased 9 percent in the current twelve months.

Houma/Thibodaux

In the Houma/Thibodaux metro area, the value of construction contracts in January 1985 increased 73.2 percent since December and increased 136.5 percent since January 1984. Retail sales tax collections in December decreased 1.8 percent since the previous month and increased 32.9 percent since December 1983. Comparing the current twelve months with the prior twelve months, retail sales taxes increased 17.0 percent in the current period.

Lafayette

The value of construction contracts in Lafayette during January dropped 50.7 percent as compared with the previous month and dropped 38.8 percent since January 1984. Retail sales taxes in December decreased 21.6 percent as compared with November and increased 36.4 percent since December 1983. The number of airline passengers in November 1984 was unchanged since the previous month and increased 57.1 percent since November 1983. Comparing the latest twelve months with the prior twelve months, the value of residential construction contracts decreased 13 percent in the current period and non-residential construction contracts increased 82.8 percent. Retail sales taxes increased 26.1 percent in the current period and the number of airline passengers increased 8.2 percent.

Lake Charles

In Lake Charles, the value of construction contracts in January increased 32 percent since the previous month and fell 62.5 percent since January 1984. Retail sales taxes in December fell 3.4 percent since November and increased 32.2 percent since December 1983. Total cargo handled by the port in January 1985 fell 20.2 percent sinc the previous month. The number of airline passengers in November was unchanged since the previous month and increased 33.3 percent since November 1983. Comparing the latest twelve months with the previous twelve months, the value of residential construction contreacts dropped 32.2 percent and the value of non-residential construction contracts decreased 11.4 percent. Retail sales taxes increased 17.9 percent in the current period and the number of airline passengers increased 20.6 percent.

Alexandria

In Alexandria, the value of construction contracts in January 1985 increased 37 percent since the previous month and increased 7.8 percent since January 1984.

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Economic Indicators: Shreveport Area

Per Cent Change

									Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
									Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Employment & Wage Statistics		Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		172.8	172.3	174.2	174.4	173.6	158.5	**160.1**	3.2	*1.0*	0.3
Total Employed (000)		159.8	159.5	161.1	160.7	159.8	146.8	**146.5**	4.2	*-0.3*	4.0
Average Weekly Manufacturing Earnings	$	381.44	402.11	419.89	407.41	434.51	436.96	**427.87**	3.7	*-2.1*	8.1
Average Weekly Manufacturing Hours		39.9	41.2	42.2	40.7	41.5	42.3	**41.5**	-0.8	*-1.9*	3.9
Total Unemployed (000)		13.0	12.8	13.1	13.7	13.8	11.7	**13.6**	-6.9	*16.2*	-29.7
Unemployment Rate		7.5	7.4	7.5	7.9	7.9	7.4	**8.5**	-9.6	*14.8*	-29.6
Regular State Unemployment Benefits											
Number of Recipients		14,207	12,135	10,614	13,253	13,720	13,848	**20,462**	na	*47.7*	na
Benefits Paid	$	1,835,376	1,546,245	1,413,081	1,799,152	1,830,672	1,831,571	**2,708,051**	na	*47.8*	na
Construction		Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)		96,483	96,565	97,265	97,265	93,971	101,222	**88,357**	na	*-12.8*	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)											
Residential		13.0	16.7	18.3	18.2	13.2	6.3	**7.5**	-28.6	*19.0*	2.1
Non-Residential		5.9	44.7	11.6	20.3	9.4	5.9	**11.6**	-51.7	*96.6*	21.6
Number Of Construction Contracts		367	427	307	231	236	216	**130**	-60.8	*-39.9*	-0.3
FHLB Construction Loans ($ Mil)		Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Construction											
Condominium	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	-100.0	*0.0*	na
1-to-4 Unit	$	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.1**	-92.9	*0.0*	na
5 or More	$	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	6.0	**0.0**	-100.0	*-100.0*	na
Non-Residential	$	6.7	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.5	**0.3**	-98.0	*-40.0*	na
Purchases											
Single (New)	$	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	**0.6**	0.0	*100.0*	na
Family (Other)	$	1.6	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.2	**0.3**	0.0	*50.0*	na
2-to-4 Unit	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	*0.0*	na
5 or More	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	-100.0	*0.0*	na
Non-Residential	$	0.1	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.3	0.4	**0.1**	0.0	*-75.0*	na
Other											
Land Loans	$	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.1**	-98.6	*0.0*	na
Refinancing	$	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	*0.0*	na
All Other	$	0.1	0.3	0.9	0.4	1.2	1.3	**0.2**	0.0	*-84.7*	na
Total Loans Closed	$	10.5	2.9	4.0	1.5	2.8	8.7	**1.8**	-94.2	*-79.4*	-58.4
Loans in Process	$	19.9	17.9	15.8	14.2	12.4	15.2	**13.8**	-70.8	*-9.3*	na
General Business Activity		Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Airline Cargo (Tons)		940	897	1,336	1,005	1,035	1,002	**1,079**	11.9	*7.6*	24.2
Airline Passenger Boardings (000)		30.0	29.0	30.0	25.0	28.0	25.0	**23.6**	-12.6	*-5.6*	-13.4
Telephone Lines (000)		191.6	192.2	192.7	193.3	193.5	193.0	**193.1**	2.3	*0.0*	na
Welfare Activity		Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85			
Aid To Dependent Children											
Total Assistance Payments	$	891,728	905,891	891,540	904,699	908,054	922,776	**936,827**	8.3	*1.5*	na
Persons		16,458	16,820	16,533	16,742	16,835	17,079	**17,373**	9.5	*1.7*	na
Food Stamp Information											
Coupon Value	$	2,213,998	2,200,675	2,241,096	2,358,215	2,463,227	2,472,809	**2,412,034**	8.2	*-2.5*	na
Recipients		50,199	50,135	50,215	49,975	51,022	51,183	**50,734**	-1.7	*-0.9*	na
Medicaid Information											
Claims		13,699	12,290	11,311	14,490	12,054	10,558	**12,516**	31.7	*18.5*	na
Benefits Paid	$	4,652,118	4,577,313	4,403,634	5,094,440	4,379,123	4,293,862	**4,569,001**	24.7	*6.4*	na
Inpatient - General Hospital	$	685,283	521,929	484,429	642,024	377,047	392,026	**498,377**	62.1	*27.1*	na
ICF Mental	$	1,424,798	1,580,248	1,529,317	1,541,442	1,538,258	1,539,628	**1,559,047**	21.2	*1.2*	na
ICF I Services	$	1,388,566	1,601,347	1,563,523	1,607,306	1,591,498	1,601,266	**1,592,148**	7.2	*-0.6*	na
Physicians	$	231,386	206,886	152,892	231,039	202,950	164,186	**193,096**	569.0	*17.6*	na
Drugs	$	422,110	305,598	283,466	431,511	296,204	244,531	**418,056**	41.7	*70.9*	na
Support Enforcement Services		Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
New Applications Received		na	471	539	424	733	723	**485**	na	*-33.0*	na
Number of Cases that Paid		na	2,408	2,425	2,420	2,572	2,471	**2,313**	na	*-6.4*	na
Amount Collected	$	na	368,481	349,734	339,478	383,935	337,909	**302,929**	na	*-10.4*	na
Average Amount per Case	$	na	153.02	144.22	140.28	149.27	136.75	**130.97**	na	*-4.3*	na
Gas Activity Report • MCF		Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Field Intake		12,829,195	13,742,202	12,538,392	11,406,820	11,039,750	9,996,975	**12,062,498**	-12.2	*20.6*	1.5
Pipeline & Other Intake		1,322,572	1,338,785	1,250,985	1,446,180	1,609,357	1,206,175	**1,127,867**	-16.6	*-6.5*	-6.1
Sales to Pipelines		11,767,467	12,575,142	11,686,146	10,842,706	10,508,356	9,123,162	**11,054,905**	-13.6	*21.1*	2.6
Sales to City Gates & Industrials		116,611	102,551	103,297	81,649	78,638	71,797	**68,001**	-8.6	*-5.3*	-11.2
Return to Field		71,037	73,538	72,352	67,404	77,930	78,658	**78,208**	-42.9	*-0.6*	-32.1
Returned for Gas Lift		0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**			
Returned to Reservoir		427,894	403,912	301,695	329,708	319,163	326,343	**338,182**	-14.7	*3.6*	-13.2
Vented		300,951	286,295	158,549	114,589	92,407	85,030	**82,818**	-56.1	*-2.7*	-56.2
Plant Fuel		691,156	767,743	738,362	709,937	747,789	718,161	**746,541**	0.8	*3.9*	2.1
Shrinkage and Other		776,651	871,806	728,976	707,007	824,824	799,999	**821,710**	9.5	*2.7*	11.6
Beer Sales Information		May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84			
Number of Cases Sold		457,915	368,409	429,718	466,831	315,629	378,573	**341,219**	2.8	*-9.9*	-0.7
Tax Revenue	$	50,371	40,526	47,269	51,352	34,720	41,643	**37,534**	2.8	*-9.9*	-0.7
Revenue Collections	$	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85			
Retail Sales Tax - State		5,453,361	5,997,536	6,536,771	4,855,147	5,973,699	5,803,476	**7,210,482**	35.1	*24.2*	23.4
Severence Tax		3,096,634	2,623,378	3,340,655	2,087,830	2,734,509	1,870,841	**2,247,264**	-13.5	*20.1*	-11.3

Economic Indicators: Shreveport Area

													Per Cent Change		
													Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
New Car Sales	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Buick	74	76	112	117	112	104	165	83	82	66	62	**131**	24.7	*111.2*	15.7
Cadillac	49	43	42	46	42	40	58	39	31	35	34	**29**	-38.3	*-14.8*	-15.0
Chevrolet	162	222	174	183	207	195	180	163	198	112	103	**210**	9.9	*103.8*	11.2
Chrysler	31	39	40	43	50	37	49	34	41	30	26	**47**	56.6	*80.7*	7.1
Datsun	40	32	34	30	45	47	49	32	13	9	9	**5**	-90.8	*-44.5*	-36.0
Dodge	25	22	33	34	36	26	26	22	42	31	18	**44**	76.0	*144.4*	-3.5
Ford	203	146	166	137	231	142	131	124	232	208	187	**159**	29.7	*-15.0*	-2.1
Honda	40	32	48	29	33	16	43	17	31	26	21	**36**	-2.8	*71.4*	19.2
Lincoln	76	95	33	52	40	28	45	75	83	44	27	**56**	14.2	*107.4*	63.6
Mazda	18	24	21	15	15	28	14	27	29	16	15	**26**	73.3	*73.3*	-12.7
Mercury	90	96	82	110	88	70	88	75	98	64	56	**73**	-19.8	*30.3*	15.2
Oldsmobile	237	231	162	244	225	171	164	139	125	122	104	**158**	-18.6	*51.9*	0.0
Plymouth	15	20	21	27	26	23	19	15	24	12	17	**26**	85.7	*52.9*	40.0
Pontiac	83	108	89	116	139	91	130	97	127	84	55	**109**	0.0	*98.1*	17.1
Renault	29	16	16	20	23	22	18	12	13	20	10	**8**	-33.4	*-20.0*	29.3
Toyota	37	15	34	43	35	47	66	22	50	43	30	**31**	-35.5	*3.3*	-31.2
Volkswagen	6	10	15	12	8	6	6	14	7	7	10	**12**	50.0	*20.0*	32.9
Volvo	12	8	3	6	6	16	6	2	2	3	6	**9**	80.0	*50.0*	-2.5
Other	43	44	62	57	51	43	30	30	49	88	72	**101**	62.9	*40.2*	3.5
Total Car Sales	1,270	1,279	1,187	1,321	1,412	1,152	1,287	1,022	1,277	1,020	862	**1,270**	-4.0	*47.3*	4.0
New Truck Sales	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85			
Chevrolet	123	139	180	213	178	143	153	151	167	129	106	**151**	-5.7	*42.4*	-2.0
Datsun	35	14	11	20	19	16	8	11	5	2	3	**0**	-100.0	*-100.0*	5.1
Dodge	60	65	71	49	76	76	56	46	74	54	44	**67**	36.7	*52.2*	32.4
Ford	183	210	198	210	216	160	189	160	194	195	122	**164**	1.8	*34.4*	24.0
GMC	29	21	29	26	29	30	25	23	26	14	16	**18**	-40.0	*12.5*	4.0
Mazda	24	19	19	14	19	20	16	22	20	6	12	**18**	28.5	*50.0*	37.5
Toyota	21	7	22	28	31	21	27	24	24	16	24	**38**	100.0	*58.3*	42.2
Other	53	94	53	61	76	45	65	65	65	57	46	**89**	56.1	*93.4*	58.2
Total Truck Sales	528	569	583	621	644	511	539	502	575	473	373	**545**	9.6	*46.1*	18.5

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Retail sales taxes in December increased 1.4 percent since the previous month and was unchanged since December 1983. The number of airline passengers in November was unchanged since October 1984 and 10 percent higher than in November 1983. Comparing the latest twelve months with the prior twelve months, residential construction contracts fell 29.2 percent in the current period and the non-residential construction contracts incrased 27.5 percent. Retail sales taxes increased 31.2 percent and the number of airline passengers dropped 22.4 percent.

Shreveport

In Shreveport, the value of construction contracts in January 1985 increased 56.6 percent since the previous month and decreased 44.6 percent since January 1984. Retail sales taxes in December 1984 dropped 2.4 percent since the previous month and increased 34.7 percent since December 1983. The number of airline passengers in November 1984 was 10.8 percent less than in the previous month and 3.9 percent less than in November 1983. Comparing the latest twelve months with the previous twelve months the value of non-residential construction contracts increased 21.6 percent in the current period and the value of residential construction ~~contracts~~ increased 2.3 percent. Retail sales taxes increased 19.7 percent in the current period and the number of airline passengers decreased 14 percent.

Monroe

In Monroe, the value of construction contracts in January 1985 decreased 70.8 percent since the previous month and declined 6.4 percent since January 1985. Retail sales taxes in December increased 9.1 percent since November and increased 41.4 percent since December 1983. The number of airline passengers in November 1984 decreased 12.5 percent since October and fell 12.5 percent since November 1983. Comparing the latest twelve months, residential construction contracts increased 21.7 percent in the current period and non-residential construction contracts increased 26 percent. Retail sales taxed increased 35.3 percent in the current period and the number of airline passengers increased 1.3 percent.

Endnote

It is becoming increasingly evident that the state, with the exception of Shreveport, has not, and will not, be pulled out of its economic difficulties by the lagged effects of the national recovery. It does not apperar likely that the state's economy will get much worse; however, it also does not appear likely that the state's economy will improve markedly during the next few months. Due to seasonal factors, the unadjusted state unemployment

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Economic Indicators: Monroe Area

									Per Cent Change Latest Month Same Month Prior Year	Per Cent Change Latest Month Prior Month	Per Cent Change Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Employment & Wage Statistics		Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		60.3	60.7	59.5	60.1	60.2	61.1	**60.2**	-3.0	*-1.5*	-0.7
Total Employed (000)		54.6	55.1	54.0	54.2	54.3	55.8	**54.0**	-3.1	*-3.3*	1.1
Total Unemployed (000)		5.7	5.6	5.5	5.9	5.9	5.3	**6.2**	-1.6	*16.9*	-15.2
Unemployment Rate		9.5	9.2	9.2	9.8	9.8	8.7	**10.2**	0.9	*17.2*	-14.5
Regular State Unemployment Benefits											
Recipients		8,494	7,669	6,168	7,204	6,824	6,743	**9,635**	na	*42.8*	na
Benefits Paid	$	1,122,670	995,320	797,361	951,144	878,329	858,248	**1,220,606**	na	*42.2*	na
Construction		Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)		23,917	22,681	21,070	21,070	21,070	22,381	**21,695**	na	*-3.1*	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)											
Residential		6.8	4.7	4.4	6.3	2.5	9.7	**2.2**	-26.7	*-77.4*	21.7
Non-Residential		1.0	2.7	15.0	2.2	17.8	6.4	**2.5**	78.5	*-61.0*	26.0
Number Of Construction Contracts		79	71	78	121	43	206	**39**	-42.7	*-81.1*	13.0
FHLB Statistics ($ Mil)		Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Construction											
Condominium	$	3.7	0.0	0.0	10.2	3.8	0.0	**4.4**	na	*0.0*	na
1-to-4 Unit	$	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	**0.1**	na	*0.0*	na
5 or More	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	na	*0.0*	na
Non-Residential	$	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	**0.0**	na	*-100.0*	na
Purchases											
Single (New)	$	3.4	2.6	1.0	0.7	0.5	1.3	**1.1**	na	*-15.4*	na
Family (Other)	$	3.5	3.1	1.6	1.4	1.9	3.4	**3.3**	na	*-3.0*	na
2-to-4 Unit	$	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.9	**0.5**	na	*-44.5*	na
5 or More	$	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.0	2.9	0.0	**1.4**	na	*0.0*	na
Non-Residential	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	**0.1**	na	*0.0*	na
Other											
Land Loans	$	0.0	0.0	1.2	1.7	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	na	*0.0*	na
Refinancing	$	1.8	1.3	0.8	1.3	0.5	0.6	**0.5**	na	*-16.7*	na
All Other	$	0.2	1.4	3.7	0.7	1.6	0.0	**0.1**	na	*0.0*	na
Total Loans Closed	$	13.4	8.9	8.8	16.1	11.7	6.6	**11.4**		*72.7*	23.6
Loans in Process	$	46.5	41.2	35.9	33.0	29.3	25.7	**23.9**	na	*-7.1*	na
Gas Activity Report • MCF		Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Field Intake		587,316	627,420	673,518	668,056	704,619	688,505	**695,251**	6.5	*0.9*	1.0
Pipeline & Other Intake		304,771	307,721	309,507	36,693	27,501	21,233	**26,959**	-81.4	*26.9*	39.7
Sales to Pipelines		276,019	339,373	328,525	23,804	19,111	11,340	**21,159**	-83.9	*86.5*	38.5
Sales to City Gates & Industrials		0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	*0.0*	na
Return to Field		28,441	28,414	26,078	26,671	26,565	25,660	**25,899**	-65.3	*0.9*	-41.0
Returned for Gas Lift		376,828	380,706	387,798	379,433	390,521	379,479	**382,812**	-10.5	*0.8*	-5.7
Returned to Reservoir		93,138	72,416	119,879	166,417	183,353	176,211	**175,131**	244.9	*-0.7*	133.0
Vented		1,674	4,784	6,298	0	0	0	**0**	-100.0	*0.0*	-30.0
Plant Fuel		68,842	69,995	69,266	61,230	63,493	62,307	**64,435**	-7.4	*3.4*	0.6
Shrinkage and Other		47,145	39,453	45,181	47,194	49,077	54,741	**52,774**	30.3	*-3.6*	-9.7
Beer Sales Information		May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84			
Number of Cases Sold		152,016	160,670	154,701	171,733	123,111	138,621	**131,723**	-0.5	*-5.0*	-3.1
Tax Revenue	$	16,721	17,674	17,017	18,891	13,542	15,248	**14,490**	-0.5	*-5.0*	-3.1
General Business Activity		Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85			
Airline Cargo (Tons)		17	18	14	15	8	9	**11**	-42.2	*22.2*	-19.1
Airline Passenger Boardings (000)		8.0	9.0	7.0	8.0	7.0	14.9	**13.7**	71.2	*-8.1*	11.6
Telephone Lines (000)		129.0	129.4	130.2	130.4	130.1	130.1	**127.6**	-0.6	*-2.0*	na
Welfare Activity		Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85			
Aid To Dependent Children											
Total Assistance Payments	$	559,314	556,406	557,289	570,035	567,411	577,548	**577,834**	8.2	*0.0*	na
Persons		10,377	10,326	10,340	10,583	10,519	10,744	**10,742**	8.6	*-0.1*	na
Food Stamp Information											
Coupon Value	$	1,286,610	1,274,935	1,305,002	1,373,456	1,422,935	1,418,727	**1,351,970**	5.2	*-4.8*	na
Recipients		29,560	29,302	29,491	29,321	29,859	29,781	**29,462**	1.9	*-1.1*	na
Medicaid Information											
Claims		10,514	9,164	9,156	10,313	9,271	8,570	**10,150**	26.4	*18.4*	na
Benefits Paid	$	2,881,658	2,322,168	2,578,511	2,991,240	2,739,619	2,292,895	**2,816,052**	37.7	*22.8*	na
Inpatient - General Hospital	$	372,787	236,252	469,885	427,149	380,242	285,286	**480,219**	113.8	*68.3*	na
ICF Mental	$	221,900	212,784	213,700	395,752	388,935	293,623	**327,011**	27.5	*11.3*	na
ICF I Services	$	964,349	1,006,150	1,009,336	1,028,823	1,035,067	1,015,500	**1,044,181**	14.9	*2.8*	na
Physicians	$	409,149	231,188	251,218	349,552	301,669	240,734	**217,018**	26.3	*-9.9*	na
Drugs	$	435,231	337,929	315,217	452,751	336,566	244,975	**432,063**	54.5	*76.3*	na
Support Enforcement Services		Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
New Applications Received		na	392	501	249	313	359	**385**	na	*7.2*	na
Number of Cases that Paid		na	3,065	2,918	2,882	3,114	2,919	**2,702**	na	*-7.5*	na
Amount Collected	$	na	331,159	307,536	294,701	330,789	303,909	**283,181**	na	*-6.9*	na
Average Amount per Case	$	na	108.04	105.39	102.26	106.23	104.11	**104.80**	na	*0.6*	na
Revenue Collections	$	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85			
Retail Sales Tax - State		2,731,163	3,598,562	3,523,979	2,860,474	2,684,378	2,930,091	**3,725,520**	42.9	*27.1*	39.1
Severence Tax		92,757	256,826	156,869	161,774	191,501	31,722	**243,600**	25.7	*667.9*	-5.7

Economic Indicators: Monroe Area

Per Cent Change

New Car Sales	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Buick	51	41	61	63	49	40	65	40	39	36	34	**41**	-18.0	*20.5*	-18.9
Cadillac	12	15	22	23	16	27	20	14	14	17	14	**30**	0.0	*114.2*	-4.3
Chevrolet	55	50	45	63	53	36	45	49	63	42	40	**69**	-2.9	*72.5*	-2.4
Chrysler	4	7	9	24	21	14	15	17	20	15	14	**17**	142.8	*21.4*	43.9
Datsun	15	13	21	19	19	20	19	20	13	7	4	**4**	-87.1	*0.0*	-48.1
Dodge	14	12	9	16	16	17	12	13	15	30	7	**26**	225.0	*271.4*	156.1
Ford	62	66	62	73	61	60	54	41	78	47	47	**93**	102.1	*97.8*	36.2
Honda	27	22	35	29	30	35	42	15	30	43	29	**43**	79.1	*48.3*	50.7
Lincoln	9	9	14	16	23	19	12	20	25	17	19	**20**	150.0	*5.2*	28.4
Mazda	23	12	22	19	22	18	17	19	29	21	13	**19**	18.7	*46.1*	-8.3
Mercury	37	16	26	44	34	33	52	40	40	32	33	**32**	28.0	*-3.1*	43.4
Oldsmobile	76	110	95	65	92	72	67	54	58	67	39	**74**	2.7	*89.7*	-9.2
Plymouth	2	7	1	10	5	6	7	9	11	15	9	**13**	333.3	*44.4*	239.2
Pontiac	20	27	34	43	56	43	45	36	31	39	21	**45**	28.5	*114.2*	70.5
Renault	2	1	3	0	0	0	2	2	1	3	1	**1**	0.0	*0.0*	-72.0
Toyota	11	18	18	14	31	27	30	25	31	29	30	**43**	138.8	*43.3*	19.4
Volkswagen	3	3	3	8	10	5	4	2	3	0	9	**4**	-20.0	*-55.6*	134.7
Volvo	5	10	9	13	15	5	13	6	9	8	4	**11**	83.3	*175.0*	35.0
Other	24	13	19	28	18	13	19	11	26	27	30	**43**	53.5	*43.3*	99.2
Total Car Sales	452	452	508	570	571	490	540	433	536	495	397	**628**	30.0	*58.1*	12.8

New Truck Sales	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Chevrolet	64	54	57	83	68	71	60	71	96	62	63	**100**	40.8	*58.7*	9.5
Datsun	18	17	15	11	14	7	5	3	11	0	0	**3**	-57.2	*0.0*	-8.8
Dodge	12	16	20	28	24	29	19	21	20	24	18	**34**	100.0	*88.8*	126.4
Ford	58	87	90	96	104	106	84	67	126	75	50	**117**	82.8	*134.0*	40.5
GMC	37	36	29	45	38	21	47	26	43	27	23	**26**	-10.4	*13.0*	3.1
Mazda	41	12	27	26	30	15	27	28	30	19	14	**24**	-22.6	*71.4*	19.5
Toyota	8	12	19	10	21	13	16	15	10	17	17	**28**	40.0	*64.7*	24.0
Other	21	37	21	19	36	21	25	18	37	26	36	**51**	75.8	*41.6*	20.0
Total Truck Sales	259	271	278	318	335	283	283	249	373	250	221	**383**	42.9	*73.3*	23.7

Economic Indicators: Houma Area

									Per Cent Change Latest Month Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Unemployment Statistics		Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85			
Regular State Unemployment Benefits											
Recipients		7,780	7,806	6,506	7,083	8,345	7,887	**11,414**	na	44.7	na
Benefits Paid	$	1,153,119	1,119,082	954,102	1,041,816	1,318,060	1,229,085	**1,733,737**	na	41.0	na
Construction		Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)		37,593	36,314	84,405	84,405	85,079	60,995	**59,030**	na	-3.3	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)											
Residential		3.8	4.3	4.0	4.9	2.9	1.8	**1.6**		-11.2	
Non-Residential		1.3	8.5	0.2	0.9	0.7	3.8	**8.1**		113.1	
Number Of Construction Contracts		70	112	59	58	33	53	**41**		-22.7	
Gas Activity Report • MCF		Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
Field Intake		9,741,082	10,094,198	9,889,128	9,343,631	8,582,031	8,263,045	**9,023,574**	-18.4	9.2	-14.4
Pipeline & Other Intake		11,635,248	11,598,780	12,039,533	10,270,890	11,338,340	10,614,505	**10,066,170**	-13.6	-5.2	11.9
Sales to Pipelines		19,254,659	19,654,666	20,000,198	17,623,175	18,338,340	16,745,226	**16,900,670**	-18.2	0.9	-3.0
Sales to City Gates & Industrials		23,399	612	1,106	9,585	24,879	48,452	**40,498**	-86.1	-16.5	-65.6
Return to Field		762,818	552,049	485,102	504,516	194,103	504,984	**708,722**	313.5	40.3	305.9
Returned for Gas Lift		233,197	249,194	258,423	264,555	276,525	266,779	**209,743**	-39.2	-21.4	-26.1
Returned to Reservoir		0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	0.0	na
Vented		1,781	1,241	514	1,105	405	1,043	**1,363**	-98.6	30.6	-82.3
Plant Fuel		410,625	459,757	414,973	418,339	412,893	498,569	**455,517**	4.0	-8.7	1.4
Shrinkage and Other		689,851	775,459	768,345	793,246	760,556	812,497	**773,231**	11.6	-4.9	9.7
Beer Sales Information		May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84			
Number of Cases Sold		231,474	206,553	199,109	227,954	163,066	207,212	**180,503**	7.4	-12.9	-1.1
Tax Revenue	$	25,462	22,721	21,902	25,075	17,938	22,793	**19,856**	7.4	-12.9	-1.1
Welfare Activity		Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85			
Aid To Dependent Children											
Total Assistance Payments	$	357,218	360,871	357,312	368,547	360,992	375,793	**373,548**	19.4	-0.6	na
Persons		6,545	6,596	6,489	6,728	6,581	6,868	**6,836**	19.4	-0.5	na
Food Stamp Information											
Coupon Value	$	1,109,997	1,110,647	1,126,492	1,192,216	1,231,954	1,242,756	**1,223,730**	19.1	-1.6	na
Recipients		24,356	24,455	24,300	24,365	24,898	25,163	**25,003**	11.3	-0.7	na
Medicaid Information											
Claims		5,389	4,291	4,876	5,160	4,330	4,261	**5,448**	32.1	27.8	na
Benefits Paid	$	1,564,160	1,029,683	1,577,839	1,532,037	1,485,774	1,054,533	**1,831,952**	82.0	73.7	na
Inpatient - General Hospital	$	441,930	182,729	404,158	2,099,795	351,247	106,169	**429,615**	104.1	304.6	na
ICF Mental	$	147,845	167,663	187,812	211,781	192,120	219,736	**246,744**	68.0	12.2	na
ICF I Services	$	321,985	339,161	335,315	323,606	347,987	323,255	**326,164**	4.0	0.8	na
Physicians	$	186,193	76,445	122,046	127,056	95,167	110,137	**66,460**	2.5	-39.7	na
Drugs	$	123,430	109,382	113,651	124,992	112,146	92,581	**144,578**	66.6	56.1	na
Support Enforcement Services		Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84			
New Applications Received		na	240	416	394	174	371	**464**	na	25.0	na
Number of Cases that Paid		na	561	568	560	616	615	**603**	na	-2.0	na
Amount Collected	$	na	83,970	78,358	72,613	91,251	83,473	**83,069**	na	-0.5	na
Average Amount per Case	$	na	149.68	137.95	129.67	148.13	135.73	**137.76**	na	1.4	na
Revenue Collections	$	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85			
Retail Sales Tax - State		1,679,080	1,774,938	1,943,065	1,996,692	1,843,016	1,811,145	**2,208,848**	29.4	21.9	18.1
Severence Tax		10,267,403	8,987,124	8,424,101	7,596,784	6,490,737	9,015,300	**8,453,693**	-6.7	-6.3	-8.4

New Car Sales	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Buick	41	60	71	60	70	52	72	38	47	45	29	**58**	56.7	100.0	10.8
Cadillac	15	6	16	13	8	7	18	7	13	12	9	**20**	81.8	122.2	-9.5
Chevrolet	59	78	79	82	71	64	58	68	69	49	45	**73**	8.9	62.2	19.1
Chrysler	14	11	12	17	24	21	16	17	15	19	14	**16**	33.3	14.2	21.7
Datsun	24	22	21	15	24	25	22	22	13	1	6	**2**	-91.4	-66.7	-44.9
Dodge	16	12	11	21	53	21	31	16	16	17	17	**15**	36.3	-11.8	-41.3
Ford	60	56	53	73	62	50	42	62	52	50	49	**47**	9.3	-4.1	24.4
Honda	21	27	32	38	34	31	44	24	32	17	33	**46**	70.3	39.3	112.9
Lincoln	6	7	9	10	13	9	4	11	18	12	11	**15**	87.5	36.3	19.0
Mazda	0	7	5	7	4	5	7	6	3	5	2	**3**	0.0	50.0	-6.9
Mercury	26	18	24	27	24	23	27	28	39	23	18	**28**	27.2	55.5	15.3
Oldsmobile	77	81	59	90	67	52	64	41	36	36	43	**66**	-3.0	53.4	-7.3
Plymouth	6	14	8	10	14	18	12	10	12	11	4	**17**	88.8	325.0	29.3
Pontiac	30	34	35	33	40	35	54	25	33	33	40	**38**	26.6	-5.0	8.0
Renault	3	3	3	7	13	8	4	0	7	1	1	**1**	-66.7	0.0	121.7
Toyota	33	12	16	30	37	30	40	28	42	20	27	**23**	-11.6	-14.9	29.0
Volkswagen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	0.0	na
Volvo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	0.0	na
Other	10	9	10	20	12	13	13	7	8	17	25	**27**	350.0	8.0	362.1
Total Car Sales	441	457	464	553	570	464	528	410	455	368	373	**495**	21.9	32.7	10.0

Economic Indicators: Houma Area

New Truck Sales	Feb 84	Mar 84	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Per Cent Change: Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Per Cent Change: Latest Month: Prior Month	Per Cent Change: Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Chevrolet	61	61	55	118	72	71	70	54	72	81	41	**66**	-3.0	***60.9***	24.5
Datsun	19	21	12	12	12	14	11	7	8	0	1	**0**	-100.0	***-100.0***	-31.6
Dodge	69	59	71	50	65	64	40	38	59	50	49	**58**	41.4	***18.3***	22.8
Ford	68	64	70	74	93	69	69	52	70	75	58	**63**	-3.1	***8.6***	11.4
GMC	22	26	33	40	28	23	32	24	19	27	24	**40**	14.2	***66.6***	-5.9
Mazda	4	3	5	2	7	2	3	9	4	4	4	**3**	0.0	***-25.0***	72.4
Toyota	18	13	11	16	27	16	20	15	22	10	18	**27**	125.0	***50.0***	153.5
Other	15	13	12	19	29	20	26	19	31	25	34	**44**	175.0	***29.4***	222.4
Total Truck Sales	276	260	269	331	333	279	271	218	285	272	229	**301**	20.4	***31.4***	24.0

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rate will probably decrease slightly during the next two or three months. It appears that the state's economy will be at a relatively flat plateau with a higher unemployment rate and a lower growth rate than the nation. Increasing oil and gas prices, a declining international value of the dollar, and changes in other international value of the dollar, and changes in other international factors will have to occur before the state economy shows a significant rebound.

Appendix

The Louisiana Leading Economic Indicators

The purpose of the Louisiana Leading Economic Indicator is to provide monthly projections of the direction which Louisiana's economy is likely to take in the following 3 to 9 months. The index is based on 1976 equal to 100 but the value of the index is not as important as the changes in it from month to month.

Two other characteristics of the index are important. First, the Leading Economic Indicator forecasts general trends in the state's economy for the months that follow. The Louisiana Economic Indicator "leads" changes in the state's personal income, employment and earnings. For example, the decline in the index during the first eight months of 1982 correctly forecasted the decrease in personal income and employment which occurred in the latter part of 1982 and the early part of 1983; the upward trend in the indicator in the latter part of 1982 preceded the increased in Louisiana's personal income, employment and earnings which begin in March of 1983.

A second characteristic is that the Leading Economic Indicator is much more volatile than the measurements of general economic activity such as personal income or employment. Thus, the Leading Economic Indicator might decrease by 6 or 7 percent as it did between January and August, 1982. However, the state's economy might experience only a one percent decrease in employment or personal income.

By their very nature, leading economic indicators are relatively simplistic and connot capture all of the influences being exerted on the economy. However, if they are used with caution they can provide some indication of the future direction of the economy. The index is updated and revised each month.

Louisiana State Sales Tax Collections By Parishes

Per Cent Change

									Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Parish	Population	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Acadia	59,369	403,397	461,428	556,297	513,699	463,791	497,783	584,071	36.9	17.3	19.9
Allen	21,739	70,976	81,850	122,979	101,523	83,755	90,091	111,443	28.1	23.7	29.6
Ascension	54,618	512,465	570,426	621,203	582,712	580,474	576,885	938,210	85.6	62.6	36.1
Assumption	23,955	63,673	74,536	70,608	70,956	72,038	61,765	73,875	17.3	19.6	8.4
Avoyelles	42,715	134,096	149,961	168,477	176,185	164,065	169,994	195,870	34.2	15.2	23.7
Beauregard	31,207	143,727	217,870	274,338	239,994	244,801	315,064	329,378	40.4	4.5	85.8
Bienville	16,188	57,758	38,274	37,662	48,502	40,374	42,716	60,475	30.9	41.5	19.1
Bossier	88,370	739,781	846,634	910,379	875,758	825,662	888,112	929,624	22.9	4.6	28.2
Caddo	261,817	4,159,375	4,848,666	5,299,213	3,632,821	4,846,714	4,572,237	5,874,292	36.6	28.4	21.8
Calcasieu	176,760	2,100,754	2,438,971	2,737,214	2,511,655	2,656,514	2,574,022	3,127,796	39.9	21.5	20.7
Caldwell	10,947	41,922	58,806	51,707	51,182	51,431	40,458	54,982	32.4	35.8	35.1
Cameron	10,139	99,117	63,940	54,111	69,920	83,429	58,714	66,053	59.9	12.4	38.0
Catahoula	12,326	55,365	63,005	70,003	68,823	63,563	67,372	81,948	28.3	21.6	15.3
Claiborne	18,367	101,741	102,969	135,692	101,057	96,245	103,517	134,261	42.8	29.6	32.8
Concordia	23,577	108,537	145,559	139,313	144,242	152,551	138,243	167,617	47.2	21.2	35.2
Desoto	26,970	121,723	180,418	167,259	158,360	139,021	156,015	200,176	59.8	28.3	44.3
East Baton Rouge	389,503	6,870,428	9,570,935	8,237,799	8,273,589	8,140,734	8,379,208	11,055,967	40.1	31.9	25.2
East Carroll	11,671	56,312	51,636	68,989	116,643	49,405	58,267	70,539	64.9	21.0	46.7
East Feliciana	19,939	87,748	578,544	67,821	48,354	59,101	57,064	67,888	35.7	18.9	176.9
Evangeline	34,367	143,541	173,667	191,989	173,913	166,458	181,282	214,286	27.3	18.2	32.3
Franklin	24,509	95,323	106,381	111,524	131,249	117,501	120,543	148,474	63.6	23.1	30.9
Grant	17,621	27,091	13,454	13,418	31,953	17,746	15,100	23,816	3.4	57.7	20.5
Iberia	69,257	733,183	857,076	861,506	823,365	862,387	888,483	997,115	39.9	12.2	37.7
Iberville	32,981	295,764	383,256	577,505	403,936	449,584	187,196	481,067	632.6	156.9	67.6
Jackson	17,309	95,070	111,808	175,518	215,351	62,394	185,386	168,029	47.5	-9.4	138.6
Jefferson	476,915	7,666,076	8,084,948	7,999,463	8,553,125	8,351,410	8,195,610	9,689,419	41.7	18.2	35.6
Jefferson Davis	33,017	187,252	214,146	253,952	219,377	231,614	224,751	264,891	-0.3	17.8	23.7
Lafayette	169,694	3,690,740	4,197,601	4,668,881	4,632,224	5,468,215	4,291,796	5,421,703	25.0	26.3	27.5
Lafourche	88,349	526,056	589,911	610,107	624,789	603,318	605,698	674,058	33.2	11.2	26.3
Lasalle	17,697	95,385	96,354	98,031	108,670	96,614	105,505	123,441	0.2	17.0	21.3
Lincoln	41,847	303,807	321,219	391,659	451,119	455,942	368,412	514,993	54.8	39.7	20.9
Livingston	66,451	234,443	253,674	295,519	282,629	262,926	229,484	298,179	35.9	29.9	23.7
Madison	15,894	57,838	68,039	69,749	66,023	65,268	63,238	83,893	57.1	32.6	40.0
Morehouse	35,183	545,988	1,024,230	251,502	233,283	242,735	241,838	285,717	80.4	18.1	140.7
Natchitoches	40,805	244,792	277,751	295,781	292,324	267,663	270,179	344,787	55.4	27.6	36.3
Orleans	567,062	9,877,115	12,723,126	11,977,473	12,360,047	13,578,022	11,883,878	15,632,514	33.8	31.5	14.6
Ouachita	142,300	2,185,175	2,574,332	3,272,477	2,627,191	2,441,643	2,688,253	3,439,803	40.5	27.9	31.3
Plaquemines	26,778	290,665	338,603	398,848	355,981	328,279	365,249	489,047	42.2	33.8	6.1
Pointe Coupee	25,091	100,430	95,221	123,840	93,043	107,761	1,629,995	216,876	206.6	-86.7	219.5
Rapides	138,346	1,307,897	1,671,201	1,725,474	1,632,999	1,568,237	1,594,117	1,941,250	41.4	21.7	33.9
Red River	11,114	34,059	41,692	40,849	41,029	39,614	37,422	44,170	6.5	18.0	13.6
Richland	22,785	103,935	61,539	123,087	152,728	129,599	118,379	172,124	80.2	45.4	25.0
Sabine	27,139	97,032	129,900	113,270	118,166	124,659	114,235	140,315	30.1	22.8	20.9
St. Bernard	67,949	318,753	543,530	375,330	215,839	351,149	361,733	423,553	95.3	17.0	49.3
St. Charles	41,103	333,661	311,124	415,295	326,344	436,067	381,472	411,472	52.7	7.8	70.6
St. Helena	10,186	12,699	-7,493	9,409	14,483	4,297	7,789	6,607	-67.2	-15.2	-4.3
St. James	21,970	91,743	145,415	58,517	121,661	123,220	121,385	152,818	41.8	25.8	12.0
St. John	37,668	301,380	378,537	391,124	404,937	367,826	360,745	591,562	109.2	63.9	49.0
St. Landry	87,800	508,620	559,400	587,405	606,526	555,973	561,140	667,559	20.8	18.9	24.0
St. Martin	44,455	223,691	255,234	235,272	280,028	233,056	245,984	288,996	52.8	17.4	30.1
St. Mary	66,950	685,580	974,472	897,767	856,736	844,011	849,709	908,289	34.3	6.8	27.4
St. Tammany	128,130	997,936	1,101,338	1,074,469	1,104,198	1,065,727	1,090,464	1,245,038	32.9	14.1	31.7
Tangipahoa	87,863	565,745	684,937	676,464	736,657	635,381	608,240	774,782	38.7	27.3	23.5
Tensas	8,244	26,541	23,097	25,757	34,510	21,071	15,981	27,249	66.7	70.5	28.7
Terrebonne	102,038	1,153,024	1,185,027	1,332,958	1,371,903	1,239,698	1,205,447	1,534,790	27.8	27.3	14.3
Union	21,734	66,468	83,774	80,263	81,643	78,271	76,467	95,508	63.5	24.9	25.4
Vermillion	52,445	275,680	331,160	338,481	319,570	335,905	371,672	398,845	25.9	7.3	15.7
Vernon	61,275	235,559	244,988	237,049	226,423	225,049	230,302	297,115	36.9	29.0	22.5
Washington	45,765	184,090	208,307	212,400	217,713	194,798	193,101	274,139	26.5	41.9	25.6
Webster	45,205	554,205	302,236	327,179	346,568	301,323	343,127	406,566	43.7	18.4	37.1
West Baton Rouge	20,168	190,347	226,614	172,106	161,264	134,124	156,179	171,110	-12.8	9.5	-34.2
West Carroll	13,267	77,579	60,641	64,983	69,534	48,442	45,908	61,049	23.6	32.9	23.8
West Feliciana	13,269	175,404	144,105	179,532	169,533	3,770,447	221,373	244,220	23.3	10.3	202.8
Winn	17,575	82,023	100,942	124,205	104,440	116,238	115,595	156,809	54.0	35.6	32.4
Out Of State		22,200,538	23,645,458	25,057,146	26,330,857	25,099,276	25,756,716	35,660,886	57.9	38.4	31.7

Louisiana State Sales Tax Collections By Commodity — Per Cent Change

								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
[illegible] Sales Taxes by Commodity	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Grocery Stores	2,855,771	5,198,887	3,217,727	3,502,649	3,262,415	3,313,204	**3,618,508**	50.0	*9.2*	42.4
Fruit & Vegetable Stores	92,359	107,760	126,096	113,017	122,710	93,684	**120,134**	13.4	*28.2*	7.3
Meat & Seafood Stores	315,089	357,559	399,174	373,587	364,291	351,757	**396,059**	36.5	*12.5*	18.1
Restaurants & Cafes	2,956,070	3,392,766	3,462,950	3,618,164	3,436,438	3,149,352	**3,524,841**	46.0	*11.9*	23.2
Saloons, Bars, Package Liquors	2,382,406	2,923,741	3,196,335	2,658,050	3,116,049	3,130,698	**3,754,941**	39.3	*19.9*	17.0
Dairy, Egg, Poultry	198,202	229,771	229,029	206,450	172,627	208,346	**178,113**	2.3	*-14.6*	16.9
Bakeries	72,136	81,618	81,580	72,082	82,840	70,207	**98,147**	68.9	*39.7*	31.1
Chain Stores (Food)	526,842	510,354	515,803	647,306	793,939	511,778	**569,488**	15.6	*11.2*	-0.4
Other Foods	1,628,847	1,828,982	1,868,345	2,085,382	1,946,054	1,616,557	**1,936,532**	40.1	*19.7*	39.2
Men and Boy's Clothing	262,499	309,223	327,007	311,511	325,007	396,402	**691,023**	25.5	*74.3*	17.3
Women's Ready To Wear	558,418	660,040	764,881	783,911	796,725	860,012	**1,299,347**	36.3	*51.0*	23.0
Millinery	524,910	534,159	521,962	720,784	533,082	740,933	**1,365,722**	39.7	*84.3*	19.3
Shoe Stores	560,380	697,951	849,879	674,123	721,977	733,100	**1,164,337**	33.1	*58.8*	15.3
Salvage Clothing	4,950	5,074	5,164	7,578	6,466	6,922	**9,288**	63.4	*34.1*	23.7
Children's Clothing	35,267	550,090	65,945	64,601	56,163	59,330	**88,129**	58.6	*48.5*	112.9
Chain Stores (Clothing)	96	131	193	371	271	0	**616**	-19.1	*0.0*	-87.3
Other Apparel	652,337	762,989	926,652	888,113	868,083	974,328	**1,634,102**	41.1	*67.7*	31.3
Department Stores	2,607,809	2,878,275	3,387,195	3,164,734	3,084,392	4,180,061	**6,306,995**	36.2	*50.8*	33.7
Country & Farm Stores	5,488	7,935	15,269	11,232	8,703	11,597	**20,849**	34.9	*79.7*	-8.2
Variety Stores	2,342,347	2,761,068	2,351,090	2,399,153	3,460,731	1,791,908	**5,516,270**	32.2	*207.8*	33.3
Drug Stores	939,235	1,264,232	1,365,088	1,229,534	1,330,102	1,328,837	**2,338,094**	40.0	*75.9*	25.2
Jewelry, Leather, Sporting Goods	1,154,501	1,324,608	1.381,270	1,405,975	1,440,696	1,309,962	**2,814,986**	-7.4	*114.8*	9.0
Feed & Seed	125,315	157,503	131,452	178,401	151,212	153,503	**152,457**	1.9	*-0.7*	21.3
Hardware Stores	1,163,043	1,411,646	1,493,830	1,446,416	1,356,659	1,361,349	**1,259,473**	8.4	*-7.5*	15.7
Farm Implement Dealers	662,843	698,868	762,883	869,963	809,260	679,781	**739,200**	81.0	*8.7*	32.3
Chain Stores (General)	1,734,411	2,291,575	2,784,093	2,140,535	2,281,464	3,277,075	**3,976,626**	29.1	*21.3*	19.4
Other General Merchandise	1,037,277	1,205,172	1,792,633	1,324,968	1,205,690	1,250,517	**2,049,985**	30.5	*63.9*	25.1
Motor Vehicle Dealers	675,811	933,000	981,428	862,336	978,761	887,128	**843,559**	31.7	*-5.0*	18.9
Auto Parts, Tires	2,040,314	2,527,328	2,538,452	2,419,790	2,438,313	2,406,933	**2,266,370**	25.9	*-5.9*	20.0
Service Stations	1,398,846	885,239	1,028,012	975,181	1,196,470	823,710	**1,200,628**	27.1	*45.7*	23.7
Garages, Repair Shops	979,636	1,115,037	1,044,166	1,201,707	1,054,359	1,012,229	**1,237,411**	41.8	*22.2*	24.7
Diesel Fuel, Fuel Oil	62,890	105,188	98,717	83,779	66,857	81,014	**67,874**	-71.8	*-16.3*	41.6
Marine Supplies	172,835	311,531	240,962	183,354	172,729	159,085	**170,884**	-10.0	*7.4*	26.8
Motor Boats	140,137	135,821	150,693	89,669	90,741	69,986	**119,556**	78.2	*70.8*	19.1
Aircraft	38,339	43,625	45,345	55,192	35,979	43,941	**53,509**	0.9	*21.7*	5.3
Chain Stores (Auto)	721,887	945,091	852,754	865,479	852,006	844,108	**2,459,849**	207.9	*191.4*	2.0
Other Automotive	100,613	117,459	135,864	123,409	157,865	136,892	**125,822**	26.9	*-8.1*	29.5
Furniture Stores	694,953	879,049	931,882	827,630	898,135	984,672	**1,160,299**	27.9	*17.8*	19.3
Electric & Gas App	1,334,189	1,530,155	1,576,442	1,560,271	1,544,302	1,771,907	**2,153,470**	30.2	*21.5*	26.2
Butane Dealers	691,836	744,469	801,733	821,268	825,049	761,160	**762,484**	-3.5	*0.1*	14.6
Store, Office Furniture	1,316,858	1,783,378	1,703,434	1,663,960	1,898,237	1,613,322	**2,164,413**	55.1	*34.1*	64.3
Hotel, Restaurant Supplies	210,388	271,573	299,756	267,476	379,105	283,465	**321,087**	48.3	*13.2*	-25.2
Awnings, Blinds, Upholstery	360,679	327,218	355,595	358,244	360,672	382,404	**600,988**	131.2	*57.1*	37.7
Dental, Medical Supplies	393,039	450,650	463,414	481,016	461,340	431,439	**580,260**	106.5	*34.4*	12.9
Safes, Locks	37.160	43,454	45,854	51,712	46,529	45,714	**73,123**	50.2	*59.9*	23.8
Chain Stores (Furniture)	549	413	1,963	401	1,499	1,287	**1,180**	136.9	*-8.4*	28.6
Other Furniture	353,101	365,289	347,218	380,871	358,262	351,701	**444,296**	34.5	*26.3*	24.2
Bldg Contractors, Construction	183,701	204,666	214,978	205.288	191,086	214,015	**182,933**	22.6	*-14.6*	8.9
Lumber, Paint, Wallpaper Stores	4,242,791	5,041,336	5,037,159	4,827,967	4,659,519	4,610,241	**4,044,762**	21.1	*-12.3*	19.6
Electric, Plumbing, Elevators	2,737,445	3,412,613	3,148,771	3,256,806	3,467,675	2,997,853	**3,294,356**	62.8	*9.8*	51.6
Oil Well Equipment	2,520,055	3,394,883	3,405,160	3,178,944	3,488,575	3,040,885	**3,986,707**	57.0	*31.1*	45.8
Contractors (Elect)	239,981	265,077	275,715	246,388	262,750	256,979	**270,838**	34.0	*5.3*	35.6
Contractors (Paint)	20,458	19,553	19,514	23,863	19,369	17,081	**20,988**	66.1	*22.8*	55.8
Contractors (Roofing)	55,255	61,222	58,668	51,083	65,920	63,997	**54,032**	63.0	*-15.6*	23.1
Trucks, Dragline, Etc.	2,127,886	2,011,048	2,014,950	2,333,582	5,981,960	2,188,014	**2,102,485**	18.7	*-4.0*	37.9
Chain Stores (Lumber)	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	*0.0*	na
Other Contractors	403,299	453,888	509,724	430,869	390,383	372,206	**350,188**	-17.9	*-6.0*	-1.1
Hotels, Motels, Etc.	1,153,570	1,433,003	1,439,440	1,670,294	1,669,682	1,771,861	**1,336,068**	66.2	*-24.6*	49.6
Leasing, Renting	2,487,827	2,521,341	2,498,929	2,704,023	2,369,370	2,525,701	**3,491,334**	46.1	*38.2*	18.4
Bowling, Billiards	16,198	21,799	31,378	33,914	33,156	29,771	**22,901**	47.2	*-23.1*	81.0
Laundry, Tailoring	294,505	362,754	364,157	372,085	402,239	379,417	**445,349**	39.7	*17.3*	27.0
Newspapers, Printing	777,897	814,435	904,845	988,340	924,140	932,060	**1,137,133**	85.3	*22.0*	34.3
Cotton Gins, Etc.	1,099	1,376	1,927	2,051	2,064	1,743	**2,249**	269.2	*29.0*	56.3
Warehouses	35,172	50,398	43,061	49,751	40,870	37,343	**49,549**	54.2	*32.6*	-15.2
Shoe Repair, Shine	16,998	14,259	18,940	20,800	20,239	20,485	**35,432**	52.4	*72.9*	23.4

Louisiana State Sales Tax Collections By Commodity

	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Per Cent Change: Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Per Cent Change: Latest Month: Prior Month	Per Cent Change: Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Machine Shops, Welding	627,051	643,350	742,915	706,388	726,289	666,951	**769,207**	12.0	15.3	17.5
Other Service Groups	731,703	881,907	849,461	888,787	644,514	754,517	**974,580**	76.2	29.1	28.5
Beverage Bottlers	485,571	590,046	788,763	588,406	608,423	507,604	**497,945**	47.2	-2.0	23.7
Sugar Refineries	9,751	15,215	11,246	9,700	9,503	12,814	**7,038**	-55.0	-45.1	17.4
Petroleum, Natural Gas	137,204	130,988	117,316	1,187,222	642,073	330,476	**198,768**	11.8	-39.9	154.0
Petroleum Refineries	298,088	501,337	506,480	294,130	308,094	240,205	**444,474**	67.8	85.0	43.2
Sawmills, Sash & Door	13,729	8,554	14,827	15,934	9,784	22,563	**23,383**	110.4	3.6	56.2
Sand & Gravel	326,947	314,646	311,906	400,793	290,459	303,638	**300,280**	23.4	-1.2	14.9
Rice Mills	1,150	491	1,070	1,318	738	2,968	**1,568**	-32.5	-47.2	-55.2
Cotton Seed Oil	2,837	1,754	2,947	3,710	4,496	4,358	**4,678**	67.6	7.3	40.6
Ice Manufacture	31,316	41,596	32,610	30,988	20,383	15,323	**13,028**	33.2	-15.0	7.1
Other Manufacturers	5,186,858	7,524,989	6,992,967	8,888,060	7,296,404	7,056,657	**7,109,704**	46.4	0.7	41.9
Railroads	0	0	0	20	0	0	**20**	-9.1	0.0	-51.2
Bus Lines, Etc.	16,191	40,144	34,918	26,387	37,894	233	**103**	-77.3	-55.8	9,408.1
Pullman, Tank Cars	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	0.0	na
Trucking, Freight, Etc.	1,488	1,337	534	1,290	331	501	**1,540**	-38.1	207.3	-52.0
Fire Protection	27,082	33,164	31,994	33,733	27,835	28,944	**29,592**	49.2	2.2	38.6
Pipelines	910	2,187	278	1,371	2,374	26	**3,530**	430.0	13,476.9	10.2
Light, Power, Gas	92,092	163,983	74,430	62,243	92,518	78,011	**93,549**	-4.0	19.9	12.8
Telephone, Telegraph	9,766	10,092	21,834	19,830	10,897	24,979	**19,156**	201.7	-23.4	58.8
Other Utilities	141,875	-4,877	72,120	78,962	125,129	110,843	**622,257**	1,901.4	461.3	-24.6
Book Stores, Etc.	389,800	325,705	514,321	539,475	400,269	370,955	**531,790**	32.9	43.3	25.6
Itinerant Vendors	9,618	10,236	13,487	13,713	12,690	10,210	**11,492**	22.4	12.5	16.2
Piano, Musical Instruments	276,238	317,985	312,633	345,809	330,750	386,053	**532,917**	6.6	38.0	10.7
Iron, Sheet Metal, Etc.	59,817	74,208	61,812	61,559	69,633	66,397	**65,340**	31.0	-1.6	26.6
Photo Studios	295,697	308,481	324,906	352,097	345,647	324,658	**437,145**	42.0	34.6	23.7
Cigar Stores, News	575,027	674,034	693,904	674,854	710,632	677,823	**710,547**	30.0	4.8	19.7
Florists, Nurseries	288,325	247,356	257,417	275,763	274,143	271,694	**423,151**	38.9	55.7	26.4
Funeral Parlors	122,585	136,032	125,817	147,887	129,899	125,328	**150,985**	33.2	20.4	22.2
Fishing Bait	148,977	156,646	96,952	165,919	185,549	128,523	**149,997**	66.1	16.7	-5.9
Miscellaneous	7,947,133	7,115,618	8,211,664	8,028,250	7,708,447	10,360,592	**12,863,081**	100.4	24.1	30.2
Common Carriers	261,924	319,277	305,484	389,496	372,014	357,271	**414,014**	45.3	15.8	19.0
Total Sales Tax	73,036,841	85,944,439	87,305,653	86,511,857	91,034,764	86,774,111	**110,736,120**	44.0	27.6	27.9

Louisiana Local Sales Tax Collections - Police Juries

Police Juries	Population	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Per Cent Change: Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Per Cent Change: Latest Month: Prior Month	Per Cent Change: Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Acadia	59,369	226,740	256,600	258,423	307,971	200,440	255,814	**329,756**	5.2	28.9	15.
Ascension	54,618	300,071	220,095	326,214	298,671	241,773	256,034	**0**	100.0	-100.0	9.
Assumption	23,955	85,088	87,918	90,610	103,241	96,351	88,131	**0**	-100.0	-100.0	-28.
Caldwell	10,947	43,716	49,942	47,436	43,000	41,119	56,453	**56,453**	13.2	0.0	16.
Catahoula	12,326	92,808	76,208	74,947	86,590	74,998	71,874	**82,998**	18.1	15.4	9.
Concordia	23,577	69,666	59,128	57,481	65,513	65,698	65,892	**62,712**	-16.3	-4.9	24.
E Baton Rouge	389,503	6,619,070	5,755,152	6,662,782	5,869,572	5,788,527	5,552,730	**7,237,291**	9.4	30.3	11.
Lafayette	169,694	431,383	299,260	308,434	293,950	291,526	275,020	**339,433**	-3.3	23.4	20.
Lincoln Police Jury	41,847	138,594	152,076	179,489	161,016	147,746	226,591	**136,996**	11.4	-39.6	13.
Madison	15,894	23,511	24,582	28,632	19,695	26,216	25,914	**15,064**	-37.2	-41.9	9.
Ouachita	142,300	294,222	243,310	276,100	292,964	243,293	231,968	**310,780**	31.3	33.9	17.
Pointe Coupee	25,091	165,480	105,843	107,950	171,166	163,348	120,420	**217,420**	75.6	80.5	31.
Rapides	138,346	767,939	777,551	833,769	818,783	727,151	862,325	**922,412**	-6.2	6.9	3.
Red River	11,114	36,281	38,445	37,450	50,182	27,798	38,901	**37.033**	26.0	-4.9	10.
St Bernard	67,949	597,635	668,179	531,765	512,317	481,320	645,901	**454,195**	-28.7	-29.7	-5.
St Charles	41,103	349,481	354,607	428,556	308,303	226,143	518,774	**308,224**	1.4	-40.6	29.
Tensas	8,244	30,562	26,517	0	0	0	0	**0**	-100.0	0.0	-41.
Terrebonne	102,038	1,208,876	1,016,480	1,029,402	1,084,544	1,022,201	1,193,442	**1,125,475**	0.8	-5.7	10.
Vermillion	52,445	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	100.0	0.0	-96.
W Ascensn	54,618	39,031	29,062	30,032	33,129	39,594	28,159	**0**	100.0	-100.0	5.
Total		11,520,154	10,240,955	11,309,472	10,520,607	9,905,242	10,514,343	**11,636,242**	-1.2	10.6	7.

Louisiana Local Sales Tax Collections - Cities & Towns

									Per Cent Change		
									Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Cities & Towns	Population	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Abbeville	12,478	89,369	85,735	91,100	96,232	82,706	90,023	**113,504**	4.4	26.0	4.4
Abita Springs	1,131	5,331	6,090	2,182	5,684	4,330	5,034	**2,617**	-23.5	-48.1	56.1
Albany	874	3,139	4,119	5,220	3,927	4,001	4,367	**3,511**	7.2	-19.7	31.8
Alexandria	52,371	439,577	448,964	481,318	473,775	408,979	484,729	**613,220**	-0.6	26.5	6.5
Amite City	4,448	73,147	65,556	68,984	79,348	70,814	71,787	**92,667**	2.1	29.0	5.6
Angie	322	1,488	1,154	419	na	na	na				
Arcadia	3,531	23,374	17,857	16,985	22,099	16,316	18,735	**21,330**	-4.2	15.8	-3.1
Arnaudville	1,734	13,667	15,889	16,102	14,086	14,237	16,002	**22,041**	83.7	37.7	13.1
Baker	13,496	139,128	145,129	119,394	138,351	142,117	114,265	**172,292**	22.7	50.7	4.8
Basile	2,720	9,203	8,123	11,934	12,462	5,509	13,737	**8,627**	-10.7	-37.2	11.3
Bastrop	15,279	102,920	98,632	119,120	114,058	105,010	127,762	**93,504**	-30.2	-26.9	-8.8
Benton	2,062	6,283	9,210	11,917	4,599	6,143	5,368				
Bernice	2,082	8,838	6,975	7,711	8,145	6,350	8,376	**9,379**	2.1	11.9	5.9
Bogalusa	16,941	225,107	254,792	243,688	281,847	225,636	311,767	**293,524**	-9.8	-5.9	-6.1
Bonita	507	1,514	1,456	891	963	959	1,304	**975**	19.7	-25.3	2.9
Bossier City	53,032	596,447	584,027	597,348	668,703	545,584	549,920	**703,741**	0.5	27.9	11.1
Breaux Bridge	6,412	42,105	40,000	43,186	45,267	35,284	46,187	**54,169**	18.7	17.2	7.1
Broussard	3,264	27,196	25,738	34,273	57,812	37,144	36,008	**45,335**	61.2	25.9	33.0
Bunkie	5,400	49,977	47,657	52,110	48,268	48,226	46,602	**55,202**	-7.9	18.4	6.8
Campti	1,069										
Cankton	342	645	729	783	581	595	715	**640**	-7.7	-10.5	-2.2
Carencro	4,137	36,957	37,396	31,719	31,529	32,988	31,295	**34,495**	18.2	10.2	5.9
Church Point	4,692	18,016	18,421	18,621	20,305	15,806	18,181	**22,126**	-10.2	21.6	1.2
Colfax	1,697	13,805	11,795	12,990	14,123	13,368	11,697	**15,012**	-9.2	28.3	1.2
Columbia	689	11,109	9,501	7,390	17,658	8,195	10,151	**7,488**	-27.2	-26.2	12.3
Cotton Valley	1,555	2,800	2,500	2,600	3,000	2,300	3,458	**2,300**	14.5	-33.5	7.5
Cottonport	2,119	7,286	7,233	7,233	7,581	5,739	7,300	**8,251**	-11.0	13.0	3.2
Coushatta	2,187	21,463	21,806	18,373	24,244	18,451	16,748	**25,111**	0.3	49.9	9.2
Covington	8,280	170,592	165,532	163,386	180,106	170,592	261,656	**261,656**	86.4	0.0	22.8
Crowley	16,242	158,451	182,186	162,905	168,208	154,610	164,253	**255,195**	14.2	55.3	0.8
Cullen	1,862	3,096	3,476	4,364	4,463	2,896	4,609	**3,630**	-8.4	-21.3	9.3
Delcambre	2,226	7,916	8,239	9,844	9,798	8,076	9,762				
Delhi	3,321	9,420	9,982	9,249	12,110	8,103	11,456	**10,580**	25.2	-7.7	-1.1
Delta	283	953	238	264	290	941	176	**767**	65.3	335.7	14.9
Denham Sprgs	8,963	102,278	117,395	92,468	134,108	98,063	132,562	**80,270**	-39.8	-39.5	6.8
Dequincy	4,101	44,051	35,733	39,114	39,553	39,179	39,228	**48,039**	3.7	22.4	79.0
DeRidder	11,191	80,708	84,384	78,547	86,481	71,249	88,234	**100,120**	-1.2	13.4	7.4
Dixie Inn	506	5,423	4,849	5,526	4,990	4,868	4,933	**4,421**	-19.1	-10.4	-3.1
Donaldsonville	8,070	57,715	67,450	67,787	64,071	66,178	77,697				
Dubach	1,234	1,625	2,077	1,957	3,012	1,744	3,594	**3,682**	55.3	2.4	25.6
Duson	1,355	17,606	14,999	14,692	18,050	13,899	18,366	**17,660**	38.6	-3.9	1.5
Elizabeth	458	1,029	992	1,202	1,526	958	1,149	**1,176**	-19.7	2.3	-2.4
Elton	1,441	3,356	3,825	2,262	4,234	2,576	3,465	**3,376**	-25.4	-2.6	4.0
Erath	2,345	9,692	9,291	9,074	9,953	7,954	11,315	**12,608**	8.2	11.4	-3.3
Estherwood	728	706	717	1,143	1,092	1,101	651	**1,500**	86.3	130.4	6.5
Eunice	12,624	159,043	157,196	154,658	155,689	157,169	192,138	**134,430**	-28.6	-30.1	2.1
Farmerville	3,779	24,566	24,751	25,723	32,070	21,654	25,670	**34,558**	17.8	34.6	6.3
Ferriday	4,463	36,475	32,183	30,775	29,711	25,663	27,740	**37,359**	-3.4	34.6	1.8
Florien (Estimated)	969	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	**5,000**	0.0	0.0	0.0
Folsom	350	3,913	3,785	4,034	3,793	2,126	4,522	**4,079**	-20.9	-9.8	22.1
Franklinton	4,196	36,632	36,461	42,912	37,790	36,365	43,329				
Gibsland	1,354	1,287	2,397	2,749	2,687	1,993	3,554	**1,935**	4.1	-45.6	1,268.0
Gilbert	804	2,075	1,700	3,574	1,305	1,609	2,128	**990**	-31.0	-53.5	20.0
Glenmora	1,490	3,279	3,427	3,592	4,044	2,800	3,412	**4,435**	7.6	29.9	-7.8
Gold Meadow	2,320	8,770	11,480	9,370	10,240	10,133	9,408	**10,947**	38.2	16.3	-3.6
Gonzales	7,517	112,842	117,280	100,357	111,513	98,970	108,083	**128,412**	-4.0	18.8	9.2
Grambling	4,226	3,628	3,540	4,022	10,250	3,727	6,886	**6,834**	0.1	-0.8	21.6
Gramercy	3,477	18,234	15,087	14,824	15,989	19,462	15,331	**21,397**	5.1	39.5	5.6
Grand Coteau	1,160	3,742	2,673	2,235	3,525	2,168	2,774	**2,774**	1.4	0.0	2.3
Greensburg	683	4,121	2,757	3,434	6,271	3,389	5,976	**4,237**	-31.5	-29.1	8.2
Gueydan	1,702	9,107	7,249	8,102	8,601	11,230	9,792	**7,600**	-7.4	-22.4	10.7
Hall Summit	284	342	548	411	456	331	275	**485**	40.9	76.3	-32.0
Hammond	15,792	390,783	365,734	379,368	410,596	395,193	389,137	**553,546**	6.0	42.2	11.3
Haughton	1,670	4,852	6,077	6,261	6,595	4,110	5,229	**1,306**	-53.6	-75.1	48.6

Louisiana Local Sales Tax Collections - Cities & Towns

Per Cent Change

									Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Cities & Towns	Population	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Haynesville	3,569	12,705	13,335	16,132	18,068	10,390	16,653	14,225	-15.0	-14.6	2.5
Henderson	1,750	17,226	3,991	3,867	4,483	3,520	2,206	6,316	14.2	186.3	14.8
Hodge	703										
Homer	4,478	30,523	27,839	26,246	23,212	14,024	19,814	37,442	-2.2	88.9	1.9
Iberville	32,981	316,802	316,019	314,677	350,569	282,646	298,398	407,769	-20.5	36.6	3.1
Independence	1,747	12,330	12,329	11,348	14,534	21,774	17,175	17,052	2.8	-0.8	19.9
Iota	1,334	4,312	4,460	4,607	4,524	3,125	5,170	4,263	-4.2	-17.6	8.9
Iowa	2,586	8,617	9,563	8,927	8,658	8,838	9,565	9,063	-2.2	-5.3	2.2
Jeanerette	6,964	28,485	27,405	30,681	31,782	28,851	32,282	33,759	-7.4	4.5	1.1
Jefferson	476,915	5,674,871	5,703,838	8,350,903	8,266,515	8,386,398	8,312,280	10,099,719	56.5	21.5	33.7
Jennings	12,511	95,103	83,084	96,208	81,190	71,572	81,222	108,175	9.3	33.1	2.2
Jonesboro	5,096	60,007	60,886	62,146	61,982	50,784	63,783	78,352	-0.6	22.8	5.0
Kaplan	5,109	30,180	24,813	24,344							
Kentwood	2,748	18,455	27,440	30,705	32,027	26,873	17,825	54,626	148.1	206.4	48.6
Kinder	2,583	18,046	17,229	18,464	18,940	16,080	18,548	15,055	-18.9	-18.9	6.4
Krotz Springs	1,472	7,544	5,399	4,482	5,916	2,165	2,801	3,391	-89.1	21.0	-27.3
Lafayette	90,147	1,163,731	1,154,460	1,199,996	1,117,881	1,144,730	1,201,981	1,426,788	-3.3	18.7	8.2
Lafourche	88,349	146,212	183,748	163,713	208,268	147,206	182,996	184,145	-15.7	0.6	0.8
Lake Arthur	3,634	26,169	20,709	23,453	19,434	26,744	19,628	27,337	11.0	39.2	2.3
Lake Charles	75,955	630,329	626,389	577,121	744,059	536,690	664,037	764,237	-3.7	15.0	1.9
L Providence	6,361	21,513	17,800	17,742	20,896	17,940	16,365	22,514	2.1	37.5	-3.9
Leesville	9,107	82,603	81,889	83,245	65,359	104,130	110,671				
Livingston	66,451	6,147	6,521	8,402	6.387	5,722	8,397				
Lockport	2,510										
Logansport	1,689	8,358	10,598	7,126	12,441	7,547	9,398				
Loreauville	967	3,788	3,471	3,720	4,187	3,983	4,230	5,741	38.3	35.7	18.0
Lutcher	5,034	11,038	9,923	10,029	10,187	8,694	9,094	11,114	9.9	22.2	1.6
Madisonville	797	6,591	4,276	3,816	3,516	4,359	4,745	0			
Mamou	3,219	13,824	14,278	14,696	15,562	12,612	16,050	16,167	-29.5	0.7	25.5
Mandeville	6,806	83,961	95,204	78,212	77,720	84,382	81,323	107,784	5.2	32.5	23.9
Mangham	893	2,584	2,556	2,229	2,996	2,130	2,718	2,849	-19.1	4.8	1.8
Mansfield	6,514	45,469	43,803	47,865	46,256	39,497	59,012	51,625	-15.8	-12.6	1.3
Many	4,087	42,682	39,319	39,462	42,398	38,389	31,932				
Marksville	5,406	47,017	41,693	47,840	51,479	45,461	48,898	76,642	34.8	56.7	5.6
Maurice	536	3,500	3,030	3,160	2,300	2,680	3,340	3,990	21.8	19.4	3.4
Melville	1,767	4,170	3,975	4,260	4,466	3,530	4,400	4,400	11.4	0.0	0.7
Mer Rouge	795	5,268	4,896	6,527	7,875	5,411	6,123	3,890	16.9	-36.5	15.3
Mermentau	773	919	1,526	1,317	827	947	1,137	1,044	-11.8	-8.2	-61.2
Merryville	1,320	2,291	2,024	3,624	4,912	2,811	3,168	2,387	-28.8	-24.7	-8.3
Minden	14,974	97,162	94,563	84,078	114,499	82,358	104,292	191,224	64.4	83.3	14.4
Monroe	58,520	1,213,607	1,082,313	1,217,205	1,224,172	1,143,785	1,119,627	1,574,753	5.8	40.6	11.2
Mooringsport	911	1,423	2,038	1,490	1,612	1,419	2,682	1,313	0.0	-51.1	na
Moreauville	1,002	2,826	2,958	3,019	3,457	2,179	2,108	2,289	6.1	8.5	6.9
Morgan City	16,205	46,970	46,028	44,397	51,484	42,621	44,697	55,357	9.9	23.8	-3.7
Morganza											
Morse	858	1,357	2,326	2,138	2,138	1,251	1,674	1,792	8.9	7.0	11.0
Napoleonville	835	7,123	4,958	4,787	7,180	4,431	5,948	8,647	-4.2	45.3	3.1
Natchitoches	17,200	252,942	231,035	225,738	229,052	208,429	219,276	284,320	5.4	29.6	6.1
New Iberia	33,500	352,527	357,692	348,091	380,243	307,135	385,801	483,555	-0.9	25.3	3.0
New Llano	2,352	6,785	5,076	5,028	6,266	4,536	4,772	4,782	-25.8	0.2	16.0
New Orleans	567,062	10,124,293	13,602,403	10,895,637	11,578,324	11,406,222	13,341,612	12,624,849	6.6	-5.4	15.6
New Roads	5,152	38,434	36,568	45,830	37,027	44,396	46,767	45,887	0.5	-1.9	34.3
Oak Grove	2,215	24,981	21,620	21,239	23,510	19,989	22,494				
Oakdale	7,316	27,509	26,553	30,673	33,850	22,806	32,202	39,163	-3.2	21.6	1.5
Oberlin	1,776	5,197	5,834	6,160	8,191	6,915	6,770	4,782	-13.0	-29.4	8.3
Oil City	1,510	14,141	10,115	10,408	11,254	12,811	14,955	10,661	-8.1	-28.8	34.8
Opelousas	19,308	253,639	240,713	240,712	263,397	229,545	253,307	317,712	-5.8	25.4	1.3
Pearl River	1,819	5,510	5,922	8,198	8,199	4,586	6,711	15,776	122.1	135.0	12.5
Pine Prairie	775	3,853	3,783	4,052	6,962	3,052	3,855	4,609	48.5	19.5	22.9
Pineville	12,382	69,506	72,256	76,980	74,591	69,927	83,524	69,497	-6.3	-16.8	8.8
Plain Dealing	1,215	6,544	10,172	7,390	8,135	7,995	7,523	6,717	-19.2	-10.8	8.2
Plaquemine	26,778	304,000	468,000	339,141	297,279	347,242	282,487	353,219	-1.3	25.0	13.8
Plaucheville	196	744	808	755	887	942	886	896	8.0	1.1	-1.2
Pleasant Hill	860	888	1,669	577	2,005	1,019	1,077				
Pollock	459	1,174	1,073	1,300	1,197	1,643	909	1,288	-11.0	41.6	-2.2
Ponchatoula	5,559	61,685	66,038	63,392	72,122	55,149	75,448				
Port Allen	6,183	26,138	30,260	29,852	22,288	38,646	24,952	26,598	14.3	6.5	-1.3
Port Barre	2,849	3,977	9,661	9,492	6,238	8,552	6,846				

Louisiana Local Sales Tax Collections - Cities & Towns

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									Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Cities & Towns	**Population**	**Jul 84**	**Aug 84**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Rayne	9,136	68,204	62,078	62,800	78,630	55,813	74,143	**83,639**	-15.5	*12.8*	-1.5
Rayville	4,790	46,332	49,049	43,321	45,476	37,499	42,463	**61,189**	6.4	*44.0*	6.7
Richmond	513	2,060	3,007	2,297	2,080	2,278	2,812	**1,520**	-7.5	*-46.0*	26.3
Ringold	1,728										
Roseland	1,327	5,856	6,109	7,596	4,315	6,415	5,334	**5,501**	6.6	*3.1*	14.3
Rosepine	1,001	1,178	1,801	1,860	1,956	1,799	6,028				
Sarepta	846	93.4	145.1	96.6	99.2	0.0	0.0	**0.0**			
Scott	3,731	53,941	54,982	46,793	52,564	48,785	48,234	**44,619**	43.8	*-7.5*	76.5
Shreveport	207,579	2,946,890	3,070,042	3,266,944	3,416,211	2,708,888	3,327,382	**3,922,295**	42.2	*17.8*	41.2
Sibley	1,227	1,131	809	1,386	1,020	1,016	680	**1,324**	20.8	*94.7*	19.2
Simmesport	2,313	7,418	7,262	8,683	9,515	6,779	8,756	**5,911**	-30.4	*-32.5*	1.4
Slidell	27,246	238,699	245,474	249,262	281,705	211,622	272,491	**320,545**	3.7	*17.6*	17.1
Sorrento	1,369	2,383	2,266	2,482	2,638	2,067	2,483	**2,218**	-5.0	*-10.7*	2.8
Springfield	459	2,358	2,647	2,130	2,666	3,774	2,362	**2,541**	25.6	*7.5*	18.4
Springhill	6,536	60,711	46,902	46,505	58,564	40,114	48,548	**53,633**	-8.6	*10.4*	9.9
St Francisville	1,553	19,427	18,554	19,343	21,465	14,784	20,684	**22,271**	-11.1	*7.6*	2.4
St James	21,970	206,542	187,796	241,373	166,494	155,539	132,011	**167,760**	-31.9	*27.0*	-22.2
St Martinville	8,331	37,991	30,952	32,361	33,940	30,764	36,793	**41,603**	10.4	*13.0*	6.1
St Mary	66,950	1,038,007	803,550	1,024,127	1,013,250	865,871	916,027	**1,297,879**	24.0	*41.6*	4.1
St Mary	66,950	48,245	27,355	39,893	52,601	37,024	35,087	**65,174**	39.6	*85.7*	142.9
St Mary	66,950	33,803	26,988	32,691	36,368	31,131	33,958	**35,959**	-9.9	*5.8*	192.5
Sterlington	1,437	4,160	5,145	3,755	4,266	3,535	6,786	**4,808**	15.3	*-29.2*	591.9
Sulphur	20,470	226,388	252,346	236,978	242,473	228,535	257,715	**256,774**	-9.7	*-0.4*	1.8
Sun	404	1,503	1,138	672	490	1,223	883	**1,041**	128.7	*17.8*	14.7
Sunset	2,476	7,212	6,441	8,971	7,340	8,504	8,349	**8,349**	-9.2	*0.0*	-3.9
Tallulah	11,381	31,103									
Tangipahoa	87,863	2,019	1,639	1,251	1,865	1,224	1,368	**2,297**	73.7	*67.9*	15.5
Thibodaux	16,219	219,856	220,405	218,900	259,662	214,378	235,448	**260,987**	-4.1	*10.8*	0.6
Tickfaw	611	2,056	3,235	2,471	823	3,976	1,394	**2,242**	239.1	*60.8*	54.9
Vidalia	6,062	33,189	34,395	38,301	37,339	38,213	36,098	**46,060**	11.9	*27.5*	11.6
Parks	na	4,348	4,341	4,948	5,442	4,150	4,744	**4,438**	20.5	*-6.5*	-10.6
Ville Platte	9,260	96,360	89,802	86,237	106,367	73,264	95,039	**107,024**	64.2	*12.6*	82.2
Vinton	3,742	20,483	24,129	22,350	25,165	19,171	26,359	**19,193**	-20.3	*-27.2*	7.3
Vivian	4,315	28,685	28,159	34,891	27,627	29,473	29,183	**33,990**	7.4	*16.4*	8.7
Walker	3,306	6,207	10,023	12,203	6,672	9,543	9,858	**32,687**	9.8	*231.5*	-6.3
Washington	1,319	3,766	3,417	4,163	4,337	3,121	5,313	**5,313**	33.9	*0.0*	3.7
Welsh	3,582	15,793	19,218	16,766	14,714	13,073	14,972	**13,640**	-11.0	*-8.9*	7.3
W B Rouge	20,168	124,202	114,072	121,675	113,390	109,130					
W Monre	15,107	283,629	246,176	269,276	291,738	241,737	265,377	**355,098**	12.4	*33.8*	8.6
Westlake	5,525	48,241	51,520	57,113	65,790	52,416	51,770	**57,757**	-3.8	*11.5*	3.4
Winnsboro	6,033	52,107	46,674	48,868	58,076	44,391	53,086	**65,634**	-0.6	*23.6*	4.7
Wisner	1,430	6,262	6,333	6,346	7.187	5,580	5,275	**7,498**	0.5	*42.1*	4.1
Youngsville	1,050	11,573	13,120	12,785	11,309	11,496	11;230	**10,758**	-14.9	*-4.3*	-5.0
Zachary	7,746	110,206	110,490	106,108	152,689	101,998	115,528	**104,689**	-29.3	*-9.4*	9.1
Total		31,282,962	34,580,610	35,015,668	36,387,593	34,045,175	37,487,626	**41,453,470**	13.8	*10.5*	17.1

Louisiana Local Sales Tax Collections - Parish School Boards

Per Cent Change

School Boards	Population	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Acadia	59,369	248,159	265,374	349,151	322,996	203,439	258,812	**332,753**	2.0	*28.5*	7.9
Allen	21,739	142,867	85,318	100,652	105,617	68,031	95,278	**113,522**	7.2	*19.1*	19.3
Ascension	54,618	946,188	757,315	785,352	923,990	763,856	811,899	**1,002,060**	8.0	*23.4*	10.4
Assumption	23,955	171,512	177,020	180,605	201,427	191,009	182,1				
Avoyelles	42,715	225,549	171,260	208,387	250,112	206,354					
Beauregard	31,207	182,788	174,041	166,016	165,537	151,682	151,719	**210,717**	-4.5	*38.8*	17.6
Bienville	16,288	85,353	66,666	70,778	107,738	49,687	83,000	**64,640**	-24.1	*-22.2*	-23.4
Bogalusa (d)		99,424	91,156	93,413	95,379	98,925	111,576	**91,069**	4.9	*-18.4*	10.6
Bossier	88,370	776,453	736,126	755,993	982,419	553,935	765,612	**823,158**	-11.8	*7.5*	7.5
Caddo	261,817	1,748,015	1,817,726	2,038,995	2,081,272	1,605,449	2,008,392	**2,250,985**	7.4	*12.0*	9.8
Calcasieu	176,760	1,394,048	1,279,163	1,338,442	1,282,991	1,262,343	1,258,605	**1,464,704**	-15.3	*16.3*	-1.4
Caldwell	10,947	43,716	49,942	47,436	43,000	41,119	56,453	**56,453**	13.2	*0.0*	16.6
Catahoula	12,326										
Claiborne	18,367	85,9							-6.9	*50.4*	-1.0
Concordia	23,577	125,169	115,595	123,172	132,991	124,938	119,993	**141,882**	1.9	*18.2*	15.6
Desoto	26,970	156,282	230,917	153,197	255,251	119,442	159,640	**199,118**	-18.9	*24.7*	-7.9
E Baton Rouge	389,503	3,026,036	3,268,044	3,081,315	3,042,144	2,911,267	3,814,841	**2,828,614**	2.5	*-25.9*	10.3
E Carroll	11,671	38,569	39,146	38,810	43,207	29,639	43,421	**39,015**	-1.4	*-10.2*	3.2
E Feliciana	19,937	129,509	167,019	131,888	219,007	99,432	167,044	**163,429**	-17.2	*-2.2*	5.4
Evangeline	34,367	127,265	122,885	123,730	173,713	119,103	111,723	**134,878**	-14.7	*20.7*	9.6
Franklin	24,509	127,039	125,577	133,466	155,145	130,475	88,414	**263,598**	-2.9	*198.1*	14.6
Grant	17,621	44,571	38,333	38,157	43,178	34,672	31,001	**31,449**	-35.6	*1.4*	4.2
Iberia	69,257	710,513	658,209	688,536	645,946	656,906	821,067	**674,061**	20.5	*-18.0*	17.5
Iberville	32,981	316,976	315,996	315,754	350,566	282,890	298,574	**407,659**	-20.6	*36.5*	3.1
Jackson	17,309	408,902	179,846	182,390	146,935	165,509	196,971	**113,478**	-45.9	*-42.4*	12.8
Jeff Davis	33,017	242,410	177,144	195,476	188,497	175,169	171,808	**313,379**	54.1	*82.4*	11.9
Jefferson	476,915	5,734,327	5,761,945	5,252,537	5,225,916	5,280,852	5,231,013	**6,424,741**	-0.9	*22.8*	6.9
Lafayette	169,964	1,700,421	1,555,697	1,607,082	1,543,297	1,544,809	1,581,940	**1,884,889**	-2.3	*19.1*	10.7
Lafourche	88,349	438,739	494,469	469,254	571,267	418,585	523,744	**591,491**	-6.2	*12.9*	2.3
Lasalle	17,697	72,220	70,966	85,249	134,431	78,031	49,416	**125,938**	9.3	*154.8*	6.2
Lincoln	41,847	185,292	203,024	247,046	221,714	198,183	302,121	**183,061**	11.6	*-39.5*	14.0
Livingston	66,451	603,602	557,401	604,310	518,005	507,152	434,273	**545,034**	-23.6	*25.5*	-1.0
Madison	15,894	71,000	67,000	72,000	91,000	59,000	77,000	**78,000**	9.8	*1.2*	13.1
Monroe		187,777	162,393	182,372	190,152	168,410	166,638	**229,762**	13.7	*37.8*	9.9
Morehouse	35,183	136,998	118,815	139,059	202,617	137,121	155,780	**117,413**	-15.4	*-24.7*	0.2
Natchitoches	40,805	209,862	187,443	207,931	250,481	160,694	197,084	**226,131**	1.2	*14.7*	11.0
Orleans	567,062	4,448,716	5,829,525	4,606,448	5,202,755	5,192,704	4,394,116	**5,624,718**	8.1	*28.0*	16.2
Ouachita	142.300	306,372	264,957	297,555	310,247	274,774	271,883	**374,875**	13.7	*37.8*	9.9
Plaquemine	26,778	304,000	468,000	339,141	297,279	347,242	282,487	**353,209**	-1.3	*25.0*	13.8
Pointe Coupee	25,091	165,480	88,821	89,236	131,379	163,348	90,530	**217,420**	100.5	*140.1*	38.5
Red River	11,114	24,436	41,747	35,155	44,837	29,927	35,287	**34,557**	-24.3	*-2.1*	4.0
Richland	22,785	122,739	135,302	187,328	118,238	102,831	200,552	**125,206**	-44.9	*-37.6*	10.2
Sabine	27,139	98,444	105,897	95,789	125,838	89,082	118,191	**106,899**	-14.6	*-9.6*	2.8
St Bernard	67,949	597,635	668,179	531,765	512,317	481,320	645,901	**454,195**	-28.7	*-29.7*	-5.9
St Charles	41,103	703,231	712,436	863,456	617,200	454,904	1,056,690	**622,883**	1.7	*-41.1*	1.7
St Helena	10,186	32,541	29,240	37,687	40,703	22,021	20,312	**29,814**	-16.4	*46.7*	8.0
St James	21,970	471,627	445,607	532,451	385,340	367,389	312,872	**400,543**	-27.7	*28.0*	-19.6
St John	37,668	491,994	499,754	475,964	589,343	456,893	427,727	**566,367**	7.0	*32.4*	4.2
St Landry	87,800	427,522	326.550	364,011	485,641	354,275	331,549	**470,949**	-14.4	*42.0*	3.3
St Martin	44,455	346,069	341,823	404,296	409,606	342,780	365,486	**476,213**	114.9	*30.2*	62.6
St Mary	66,950	436,240	555,981	551,547	550,081	470,072	497,299	**704,593**	24.0	*41.6*	6.5
St Tammany	128,130	1,350,985	1,513,266	1,486,904	1,508,928	1,677,144	1,450,760	**1,690,443**	2.9	*16.5*	12.2
Tangipahoa	87,863	771,748	836,165	816,659	1,042,696	873,229	740,893	**1,069,406**	4.5	*44.3*	30.6
Tensas	8,244	35,490	36,990	29,608	44,756	33,327	33,326	**37,384**	-6.9	*12.1*	15.2
Terrebonne	102,038	725,365	609,888	617,641	650,726	613,320	716,065				
Union	21,734	63,544	76,383	78,207	106,155	76,694	47,080	**97,905**	17.1	*107.9*	7.8
Vermillion	52,445										
Vernon	61,275	160,697	200,264	167,486	146,864	154,737					
Washington	45,765	145,014									
Webster	45,205	338,667	217,395	224,470	256,330	212,144	215,423	**277,865**	12.7	*28.9*	13.5
W B Rouge	20,168	124,201	114,072	121,674	113,395	109,133	103,177	**180,758**	0.9	*75.1*	19.5
W Carroll	13,267	45,141	42,410	48,811	66,470	36,638	26,464	**76,111**	-4.5	*187.6*	10.4
W Feliciana	13,269	4,167,813	162,818	267,209	225,485	393,333	228,940	**317,062**	46.5	*38.4*	125.4
Winn	17,575	72,054	102,586	88,780	101,914	74,694	82,392	**100,315**	9.7	*21.7*	11.9
Total		37,921,218	34,785,487	33,675,581	35,076,148	32,073,925	33,285,257	**36,631,319**	-4.0	*10.0*	2.8

Economic Indicators: United States

Per Cent Change

								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Producer Price Indexes	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85			
Finished Goods	292.3	291.3	289.5	291.5	292.3	292.4	**292.7**	1.1	0.1	2.0
Finished Consumer Goods	291.6	290.4	288.7	290.3	291.2	291.3	**291.1**	0.7	-0.1	2.
Intermediate Materials	321.7	321.1	320.3	320.1	320.5	319.8	**319.6**	-0.9	-0.1	2.
Crude Materials	334.1	328.9	326.2	319.6	323.7	323.1	**319.4**	-4.3	-1.2	1.
Consumer Price Indexes	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85			
All Items	311.7	313.0	314.5	315.3	315.3	315.5	**316.1**	3.5	0.1	4.2
Food and Beverages	295.3	296.9	296.4	296.6	296.3	297.2	**299.3**	2.6	0.7	3.
Housing	338.1	339.5	341.4	341.2	340.9	341.2	**342.0**	3.8	0.2	4.1
Apparel and Upkeep	196.6	200.1	204.2	205.7	205.2	203.2	**199.8**	1.7	-1.7	1.7
Transportation	312.9	312.9	313.7	315.5	316.1	315.8	**314.7**	2.8	-0.4	4.
Medical Care	380.3	381.9	383.1	385.5	387.5	388.5	**391.1**	5.8	0.6	6.
Entertainment	255.3	256.4	257.3	258.3	259.0	260.1	**261.0**	4.4	0.3	3.
Industrial Production Indexes	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85			
Total Index	165.9	166.0	165.0	164.4	164.8	165.0	**165.5**	4.4	0.3	9.
Energy	144.0	143.0	142.8	139.8	142.7	141.8	**143.7**	1.4	1.3	4.
Durable Consumer Goods	163.7	162.6	159.6	158.7	161.5	161.3	**161.2**	-1.4	-0.1	7.
Nondurable Consumer Goods	163.9	162.4	162.4	162.7	163.0	163.0	**163.5**	3.5	0.3	5.
Business Equipment	185.5	187.6	186.4	187.3	188.4	189.9	**189.5**	11.0	-0.2	17.
Defense and Space Equipment	135.9	136.8	139.5	141.1	142.2	144.8	**145.9**	12.7	0.7	13.4
Construction Supplies	161.9	160.9	158.2	158.6	156.9	157.0	**156.7**	0.7	-0.2	9.
Business Supplies	189.5	189.1	187.6	188.0	189.2	189.1	**190.0**	4.4	0.4	8.3
Durable Goods Materials	164.2	165.3	164.3	162.9	162.3	161.3	**162.5**	5.1	0.7	14.
Nondurable Goods Materials	186.5	186.7	184.0	182.1	181.9	180.7	**180.8**	-0.3	0.0	4.
Energy Materials	133.7	133.0	132.7	127.6	129.4	130.7	**132.7**	1.0	1.5	4.
Home Goods and Clothing	139.7	139.6	138.9	138.3	137.2	137.0	**135.3**	-3.5	-1.3	5.
General Business Activity	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85			
Index of 12 Leading Indicators	164.0	164.4	165.6	164.0	164.8	163.9	**166.7**	3.3	1.7	5.
Index of 4 Roughly Coincident Indicator	155.7	155.7	156.0	156.2	157.3	158.4	**158.7**	6.1	0.2	9.
Index Of 6 Lagging Indicators	118.9	119.9	121.1	122.3	122.1	122.2	**123.5**	12.4	1.0	6.
Index of Coincident to Lagging Ratio	131.0	129.9	128.8	127.7	128.8	129.6	**128.5**	-5.7	-0.9	3.
Finance	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85			
Yield On 3-Month Federal Sec	10.13	10.49	10.41	9.97	8.79	8.16	**7.76**	-13.2	-5.0	8.
Yield on State & Local Bonds	10.42	9.99	10.10	10.25	10.17	9.95	**9.51**	-3.6	-4.5	[illegible]
Average Yield on Corporate Bonds	13.44	12.87	12.66	12.63	12.29	12.13	**12.08**	-6.8	-0.5	0.
M1 : Currency + Demand Deposits ($ Bil)	546.9	548.9	551.5	548.3	553.8	558.5	**562.7**	5.8	0.7	6.
M2 : M1 + Other Checkable Deposits ($ B	2,280.2	2,292.8	2,308.2	2,318.7	2,345.9	2,371.8	**2,399.3**	8.9	1.1	7.
Bank Debits ($ Bil)	128,299.3	128,141.9	124,117.4	142,907.2	134,016.3	137,512.0	**140,678.6**	16.3	2.3	18.
Credit Union Deposits ($ Bil)	53.0	53.4	53.1	57.7	58.3	na	**na**	na	na	n
Savings & Loan Deposits ($ Bil)	674.3	682.5	682.8	701.5	712.1	na	**na**	na	na	n
Commercial Bank Deposits ($ Bil)	1,380.3	1,388.1	1,387.1	1,414.0	1,431.0	na	**na**	na	na	n
Employment Statistics (Mil)	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85			
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	176.4	176.6	176.8	177.0	177.1	177.3	**177.4**	1.0	0.0	1.
Civilian Labor Force	113.9	113.6	113.8	114.0	114.1	114.5	**114.9**	2.3	0.3	1.
Percent of Population	64.5	64.3	64.4	64.4	64.4	64.6	**64.8**	1.2	0.3	0.
Employed	105.4	105.2	105.4	105.7	105.9	106.3	**106.4**	3.0	0.0	4.
Employment-Population Ratio	59.7	59.5	59.6	59.7	59.8	59.9	**60.0**	2.0	0.1	2.
Unemployed	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.4	8.1	8.2	**8.5**	-5.6	3.6	-19.1
Unemployment Rate	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.2	**7.4**	[illegible]	2.7	[illegible]

Louisiana Tourist Traffic Data - Visitors To Selected Tourist Attractions — Per Cent Change

								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Audubon State Commemorative Area	11,368	1,596	8,600	7,450	6,294	5,552	**4,782**	-68.2	*-13.9*	-14.2
Camp Moore State Commemorative Area	584	485	821	535	382	355	**179**	-16.0	*-49.6*	20.2
Chemin-A-Haut State Park	11,579	7,316	3,896	2,278	2,654	2,051	**1,251**	-9.1	*-39.1*	13.8
Chicot State Park	54,579	18,400	10,220	9,561	20,098	29,870	**21,970**	16.5	*-26.5*	11.3
Cypremort Point State Park	25,076	16,566	9,578	2,252	2,974	2,741	**923**	-24.1	*-66.4*	19.7
Edward Douglass White Memorial	79	55	20	95	24	17	**5**	-83.4	*-70.6*	94.8
Fairview-Riverside State Park	23,100	11,420	19,996	14,037	13,301	10,340	**10,606**	11.7	*2.5*	30.7
Fontainbleau State Park	98,560	68,272	58,710	25,412	18,712	25,066	**25,090**	64.5	*0.0*	127.6
Fort Jesup State Commemorative Area	3,384	6,200	2,268	3,184	5,538	6,588	**4,932**	60.4	*-25.2*	-0.4
Fort Pike State Commemorative Area	47,718	36,022	39,112	33,150	23,640	6,352	**7,000**	-39.6	*10.2*	111.1
Fort St. Jean Baptiste	3,384	4,048	2,160	1,561	1,679	3,129	**1,274**	110.2	*-59.3*	112.4
Grand Isle State Park	53	162	147	370	324	190	**301**	0.0	*58.4*	-98.7
Hodges Gardens	3,533	2,430	2,064	1,470	1,083	0	**205**	7.3	*0.0*	-18.0
Indian Creek Recreational Area	25,361	14,012	7,355	2,574	2,606	1,813	**859**	-31.1	*-52.7*	1.9
Kent House State Commemorative Area	na	na	na	na	na	na	**na**	na	*na*	na
Lake Bistineau State Park	23,226	13,303	9,710	6,898	4,674	3,889	**4,085**	31.1	*5.0*	6.1
Lake Bruin State Park	15,670	10,706	7,842	4,082	3,288	2,764	**4,624**	96.9	*67.2*	6.7
Lake Claiborne State Park	39,332	29,174	15,504	2,504	5,095	2,950	**1,312**	-56.7	*-55.6*	11.3
Lake D'Arbonne State Park	5,722	4,300	3,515	2,303	1,525	1,481	**1,474**	18.4	*-0.5*	15.1
Longfellow-Evangeline State Park	23,048	14,208	15,270	8,920	9,474	10,044	**7,794**	-46.2	*-22.5*	-13.5
Los Adeas	58	39	1,475	675	570	604	**495**	910.2	*-18.1*	514.2
Avery Island										
Louisiana State Arboretum										
Louisiana State Exhibit Museum, Shrevep	27,200	22,400	23,600	86,000	15,200	6,100	**7,100**	-31.1	*16.3*	-10.5
Louisiana State Museum, New Orleans	44,814	37,729	37,007	47,937	31,247	3,382	**4,863**	24.8	*43.7*	135.0
Louisiana State Fairgrounds	4,135	17,550	30,025	615,300	24,675	64,050	**36,360**	26.8	*-43.3*	-12.7
Mansfield State Commemorative Area	4,280	4,090	3,274	1,982	1,920	2,150	**2,069**	6.1	*-3.8*	16.6
Old Arsenal Museum	6,128	4,463	3,187	2,799	2,537	2,988	**1,304**	-40.5	*-56.4*	-13.2
Marksville State Commemorative Area	16,624	9,118	13,525	7,380	4,836	3,661	**3,541**	-53.3	*-3.3*	506.5
Old State Capitol	6,928	5,742	3,842	4,821	2,727	1,303	**484**	-83.9	*-62.9*	-5.8
Plaquemine Locks	267	548	55	0	0	0	**0**	-100.0	*0.0*	60.9
Poverty Point State Commemorative Area	7,258	4,751	2,754	4,162	3,850	2,413	**2,127**	121.5	*-11.9*	91.2
Rebel State Commemorative Area	2,120	1,781	2,020	5,537	1,129	1,221	**1,173**	7.3	*-4.0*	-0.4
St. Bernard State Park	18,268	5,371	8,653	10,976	10,394	7,812	**9,858**	160.6	*26.1*	97.7
Sam Houston Jones State Park	39,130	29,405	28,308	10,928	19,284	28,764	**17,977**	58.2	*-37.6*	10.3
Winter Quarters State Commemorative Are	200	195	142	75	0	0	**62**	67.5	*0.0*	23.1

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	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Greenwood*	31,740	25,272	15,063	14,140	8,452	6,848	**5,085**	-26.4	*-25.8*	17.1
Kentwood (I-55)*	27,302	22,251	21,253	18,103	7,215	3,461	**2,923**	-26.0	*-15.6*	84.4
Louisiana State Capitol*	23,604	21,183	16,552	15,934	11,285	7,314	**7,435**	-0.2	*1.6*	-0.6
Mound Center (I-20 W)*	18,958	16,629	10,203	10,127	8,571	7,721	**4,231**	-29.1	*-45.3*	3.3
New Orleans*	14,307	11,609	11,553	12,505	5,608	2,879	**3,500**	-18.0	*21.5*	-2.6
Pearl River (I-59)	105,665	63,170	50,911	75,780	39,077	27,001	**19,555**	-56.8	*-27.6*	-22.9
St. Francisville*	5,629	4,957	4,071	5,339	2,392	1,104	**1,125**	19.6	*1.9*	9.9
Slidell (I-10 W)	133,627	109,160	93,830	102,267	69,405	63,677	**57,929**	29.8	*-9.1*	46.2
Toledo Bend*	3,190	2,701	1,992	1,690	1,025	731	**483**	-37.2	*-34.0*	2.4
Vidalia*	2,637	2,019	1,645	2,273	1,400	886	**795**	-14.1	*-10.3*	16.9
Vinton (I-10 E)*	51,584	37,712	25,582	25,279	18,099	18,287	**17,550**	8.1	*-4.1*	39.0

*Effective November 19, 1984, these centers were reduced to Monday-Friday operating schedules and were closed on weekends.

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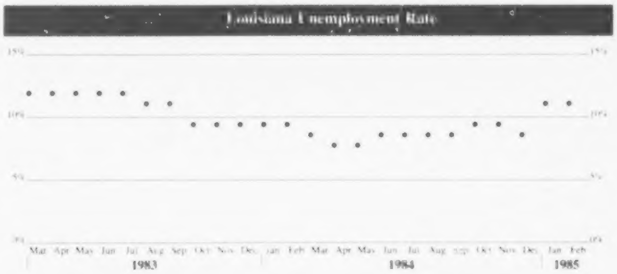
United States

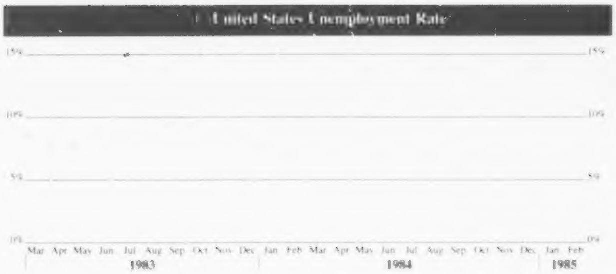
The U.S. economy grew very slightly during the first quarter of 1985. Preliminary estimates indicate that the real Gross National Product (GNP) grew at an annual rate of 1.3 percent during the period, which was below the 2.1 percent reported by the U.S. Department of Commerce in their flash estimates. The outlook for the rest of the year suggests that the national economy will grow in the 4 percent range during the second quarter and 3 to 4 percent during the second half of the year.

The Federal Reserve Board's Index of Industrial Production increased three-tenths of one percent in March, following a drop of two-tenths of one percent in February. Seasonally adjusted retail sales dropped 1.9 percent, following a 1.6 percent gain in February. The decline in March was the steepest since January 1978. Total housing starts increased at a annual rate of 16.2 percent in March, following a revised 11.8 percent decline in February. Construction activities are expected to grow moderately in the coming months, since mortgage interest rates are not expected to increase significantly during the rest of the year.

Overall, the Louisiana economy is expected to grow at a rate below the national average for the rest of the year.

The U.S. civilian unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) was 7.3 percent in March, unchanged since the previous month. Total civilian employment increased four-tenths of one percent since February, and increased 2.9 percent since March 1984. The U.S. Leading Economic Indicator rose seven-tenths of one percent in February, following a 1.5 percent gain in the previous month. These figures suggest that the U.S. economy should continue to grow for the rest of the year.





Inflation continued to remain under control. The Consumer Price Index increased at a 4.2 percent annual rate in February and the Producer Price Index dropped one-tenth of one percent. Interest rates were generally unchanged during the past month. The prime rate has remained unchanged since the end of January. The federal funds rate, which is the rate charged by banks to other banks for the use of their reserves, was slightly higher than it was a month ago. The interest rate on AAA corporate bonds dropped slightly since the beginning of March. Most analysts believe that short-term interest rates will increase moderately, but the long-term rates will generally be stable. The increase in short-term rates might have an adverse effect on durable sales and production, but construction and business investments should continue since these depend on longer term rates.

Louisiana

The Louisiana economy experienced a slowdown in February. The seasonally adjusted total employment in the state declined 1.1 percent in February and the unemployment rate also seasonally adjusted, increased to 11.1 percent from a revised 11.0 percent in January. Total non-agricul-

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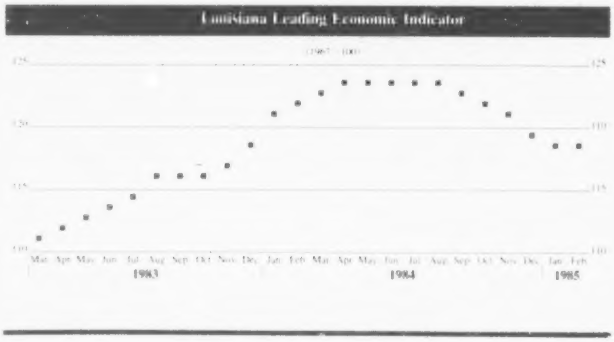
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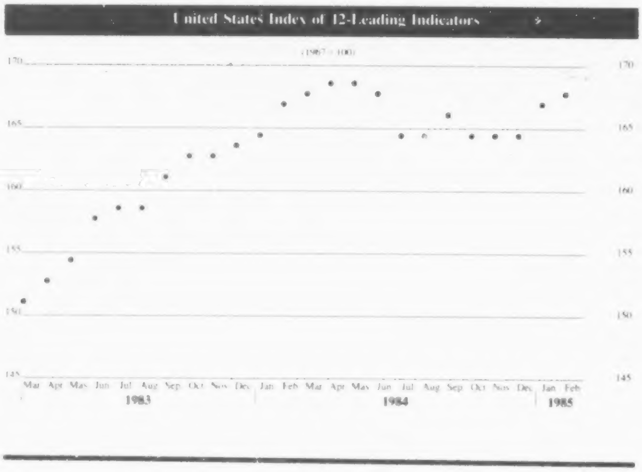
United States Index of 12-Leading Indicators

	Unemployment Rate						Leading Indicators					
	Louisiana			United States			Louisiana 1976 = 100			United States 1967 = 100		
Month	**1983**	**1984**	**1985**	**1983**	**1984**	**1985**	**1983**	**1984**	**1985**	**1983**	**1984**	**1985**
Jan	11.8	**10.9**	11.4	10.4	**8.0**	7.4	110.2	**120.5**	119.9	145.2	**164.5**	166.4
Feb	12.7	**11.0**	11.6	10.2	**7.8**	7.3	110.5	**122.0**	119.1	147.4	**166.5**	167.5
Mar	12.7	**9.2**	na	10.2	**7.8**	7.3	110.9	**123.2**	na	150.2	**167.2**	na
Apr	12.4	**8.9**		10.2	**7.8**	na	111.5	**124.1**		152.5	**168.0**	
May	12.3	**8.9**		10.1	**7.4**		112.5	**124.5**		154.4	**168.5**	
Jun	12.5	**9.4**		10.0	**7.1**		113.6	**124.5**		157.3	**167.0**	
Jul	12.1	**9.4**		9.5	**7.5**		114.6	**124.3**		158.2	**164.0**	
Aug	11.7	**9.4**		9.5	**7.5**		115.4	**124.0**		158.9	**164.4**	
Sep	11.1	**9.5**		9.1	**7.4**		116.1	**123.4**		160.0	**165.6**	
Oct	10.5	**10.0**		8.8	**7.3**		116.8	**122.6**		162.4	**164.1**	
Nov	10.7	**10.2**		8.4	**7.1**		117.8	**121.8**		162.5	**164.9**	
Dec	10.3	**9.8**		8.2	**7.2**		119.0	**120.8**		163.4	**164.[illegible]**	

tural wage and salary employment decreased by 5,700 or four-tenths of one percent. The decline in employment was mainly in the mining, construction, manufacturing, trade and transportation sectors. Mining employment declined due to a drop in production of oil and natural gas. Wholesale trade and retail trade employment dropped by 3,500 workers due to cutbacks after the holiday season. Construction employment dropped by 4,100 workers due to a decline in major construction activities, and manufacturing employment dropped by 2,200. The government sector, services and finance insurance and real estate experienced employment gains in February.

The Louisiana Economic Indicator (LEI) declined seven tenths of one percent in February. The decline was primarily due to a sharp decline in the component predicting mining activities. Although, this is discouraging for the Louisiana economy, the decline is not likely to continue since mining activities are expected to stabilize in the near future. Overall, the Louisiana economy is expected to grow at a rate below the national average for the rest of the year.

General sales collections reported in February were 28.6 percent lower than in January and 41.9 percent higher than in February 1984. The value of construction contracts was 16.7 less than in January and 11.3 less than in February 1984. New car and truck sales were 25.8 percent lower than in January and 17.1 percent lower than in February 1984. Crude runs to stills in January was 8.7 percent less than in the previous month and 16.5 percent lower than in January 1984. Comparing the latest twelve months with the prior twelve months, general sales taxes were 30.5 percent higher in the current period, partly due to the increase in the sales tax rate. The value of construction contracts was 13.3 percent lower and crude runs to stills was 2.5 percent higher. During the past 12 months, new car sales increased 2.5 percent and new truck sales increased 13.7 percent.

Metropolitan Areas

Table 1 shows the latest trends in employment and unemployment rates in Louisiana and its metropolitan areas. Lafayette and Shreveport have the two lowest unemployment rates in the state while Lake Charles continues to have the highest rate. The national ranking in column 5 of table 1 shows that areas with higher unemployment rates had a higher ranking and vice versa. The ranking of 55 for Baton Rouge, according to unrevised January 1985 data, means that 185 metro areas in the nation had lower unemployment rates and 54 had higher unemployment rates. Lafayette and Shreveport were ranked 73 and 70, respectively. Houma/ Thibodaux ranked 30 and New Orleans was 33. Lake Charles had the 6th highest unemployment rate among the 240 metropolitan areas of the country. Every metropolitan area in Louisiana, with the exception of Lafayette and Shreveport, ranked among the 25 percent of U.S. cities with the highest unemployment rates.

Comparing February 1985 with February 1984, Shreveport had the highest percentage increase in total employment among the metro areas, followed by Baton Rouge. During the past 12 months, total employment in Shreveport grew 2 percent while the employment in Baton Rouge grew 1.9 percent. Lafayette, Lake Charles, Monroe and New Orleans had declining employment. Baton Rouge had the greatest absolute increase in total non-agricultural wage and salary employment (8,800), reflecting the relative strength of the local economy in the state. The Baton Rouge economy had employment gains in construction(10.4%); transportation, communication, and public utilities(5.8%); trade(5%), finance insurance and real estate(6.4%), services(4.4%) and government(1.7%).

New Orleans

Construction, retail sales, port and airport activities provide measures of metropolitan economic activity in addition to employment. The value of construction contracts in New Orleans was 44.1 percent lower in February 1985 than in the previous month and 30.8 percent lower than in February 1984. Retail sales taxes in January decreased 25 percent as compared with December 1984 and increased 37.4 percent since January 1984. Total cargo handled at the Port of New Orleans in January 1985 was 5.3 percent higher than in the previous month and 12.6 percent lower than in January 1984. The number of airline passengers was 3 percent less than in December 1984 and 2 percent higher than in January 1984. Comparing the latest twelve months with the prior twelve months, the value of construction contracts increased 4.8 percent in the current period and retail sales taxes increased 23.6 percent. The total cargo handled at the port increased 14.4 percent and the number of airline passengers increased approximately 13.3 percent in the current period.

Baton Rouge

The value of construction in Baton Rouge was 30.2 percent lower in February than in the previous month and 36.8 percent lower than in February 1984. Retail sales taxes in January 1985 were 33.4 percent higher than in December 1984 and 41.5 percent higher than in January 1984. Total cargo handled at the port in February 1985 was 11.7 percent less than in January and 5.9 percent less than in February 1984. The number of airline passengers in January 1985 was 2.1 percent less than in the previous month and 3.4 percent greater than in January 1984. Comparing the latest twelve months with the prior twelve months, the value of construction decreased 2.4 percent in the current period and retail sales taxes increased 23.7 percent in the current period. Total cargo handled by the port decreased 32.1 percent and the number of airline passengers increased 7.8 percent during the past twelve months.

Houma/Thibodaux

In the Houma/Thibodaux metropolitan area the value of construction contracts in February 1985 dropped 74.3 percent since January and dropped 61.6 percent since February 1984. Retail sales collections in January decreased 21.9 percent since the previous month and increased 29.4 percent since January 1984. Retail taxes increased 18.1 percent during the past twelve months compared with the previous twelve months.

Lafayette

The value of construction in Lafayette during February dropped 2 percent as compared with January and dropped 54.1 percent since February 1984. Retail sales taxes in January increased 26.3 percent as compared with the previous month and increased 25 percent since January 1984. The number of airline passengers in January was 7.8 percent less than in the previous month and increased 137.5 percent since January 1984. Comparing the latest twelve months with the prior twelve months, the value of construction contracts increased 2 percent in the current period and retail sales taxes increased 27.5 percent. The number of airline passengers increased 45.8 percent in the current twelve month period.

Lake Charles

In Lake Charles, the value of construction contracts in February dropped 30.4 percent since January and fell 68.5 percent since February 1984. Retail sales taxes in January increased 21.5 percent since the previous month and increased 39.9 percent since January 1984. Total cargo handled by the port in February increased 20.8 percent since the previous month. The number of airline passengers dropped 9.4 percent since January and declined 3.4 percent since February 1984. Comparing the latest twelve months with the previous twelve months, the value of construction contracts dropped 29.5 percent. Retail sales taxes increased 20.7 percent in the current period and the number of airline passengers increased 20.8 percent.

Alexandria

In Alexandria, the value of construction contracts in February 1985 dropped 57.6 percent since the previous month and dropped 61.3 percent since February 1984. Retail sales taxes in January increased 22.1 percent since the previous month and increased 40.7 percent since January 1984. The number of airline passengers in February dropped 15.2 percent since January and increased 69.6 percent since February 1984. Comparing the latest twelve months with the prior twelve months, construction contracts fell 18.3 percent in the current period. Retail sales taxes increased 33.7 percent and the number of airline passengers dropped 5.6 percent.

Shreveport

In Shreveport, the value of construction contracts in February 1985 increased 52.3 percent since January and decreased 21.4 percent since February 1984. Retail sales taxes in January 1985 dropped 24.2 percent since the previous month and increased 35.1 percent since January 1984. The number of airline passengers in December 1984 declined 5.6 percent from the previous month and declined 12.6 percent since December 1983.

Comparing the latest twelve months with the previous twelve months the value of construction contracts increased 2.3 percent in the current period. Retail sales taxes increased 23.4 percent in the current period and the number of airline passengers dropped 13.5 percent.

Monroe

In Monroe, the value of construction contracts in February 1985 increased 61.7 percent since January and increased 80.9 percent since February 1984. Retail sales taxes in January increased 27.1 percent since the previous month and increased 42.9 percent since January 1984. The number of airline passengers in February decreased 12.5 percent since January and increased 71.4 percent since February 1984. Comparing the last twelve months with the prior twelve months, construction contracts increased 25.1 percent in the current period. Retail sales increased 39.1 percent in the current twelve months and the number of airline passengers increased 16.4 percent.

Appendix

The Louisiana Leading Economic Indicator

The purpose of the Louisiana Leading Economic Indicator is to provide monthly projections of the direction which Louisiana's economy is likely to take in the following 3 to 9 months. The index is based on 1976 equal to 100 but the value of the index is not as important as the changes in it from month to month.

Two other characteristics of the index are important. First, the Leading Economic Indicator forecasts general trends in the state's economy for the months that follow. The Louisiana Economic Indicator "leads" changes in the states's personal income, employment and earnings. For example, the decline in the index during the first eight months of 1982 correctly forecasted the decrease in personal income and employment which occurred in the latter part of 1982 and the early part of 1983; the upward trend in the indicator in the latter part of 1982 preceded the increase in Louisiana's personal income, employment and earnings which begin in March of 1983.

A second charateristic is that the Leading Economic Indicator is much more volatile than the measurements of general economic activity such as personal income or employment. Thus, the Leading Economic Indicator might decrease by 6 or 7 percent as it did between January and August, 1982. However, the state's economy might experience only a one percent decrease in employment or personal income.

By their very nature, leading economic indicators are relatively simplistic and cannot capture all of the influences being exerted on the economy. However, if they are used with caution they can provide some indication of the future direction of the economy. The index is updated and revised each month.

Table 1

Data on Louisiana Metropolitan Areas

State/Metro Areas	Unemployment Rate Feb. 1985 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Unemployment Rate Jan. 1985 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Unemployment Rate Feb. 1984 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Ranking by Unadjusted Unemployment Rates Among 51 States and 240 Metro Areas Jan. 1985*	% Change in Number of Persons Employed 2/84-2/85
Louisiana	11.6%	11.1%	11.4%	11.0%	11.0%	10.5%	6	-0.7%
Alexandria	9.6%	9.0%	9.4%	8.3%	8.9%	8.3%	55	0.2%
Baton Rouge	9.6%	9.5%	9.5%	9.3%	8.9%	8.9%	55	1.9%
Houma/Thibodaux	11.3%	na	11.3%	na	12.2%	na	30	0.5%
Lafayette	8.6%	8.3%	8.5%	8.3%	9.0%	8.8%	73	-2.0%
Lake Charles	15.5%	14.7%	15.5%	14.8%	15.5%	14.8%	6	-2.7%
Monroe	10.7%	10.0%	10.4%	9.7%	10.2%	9.6%	39	-5.0%
New Orleans	11.2%	10.8%	11.2%	10.6%	9.7%	9.4%	33	-2.1%
Shreveport	8.7%	8.0%	8.7%	8.0%	9.1%	8.4%	70	2.0%

*Ranked from highest unemployment rate to lowest unemploymentrate. The metropolitan areawith the highest unemployment rate is ranked number ! and the areawith the lowest unemployment rate is ranked number 240. Ranking is on revised December 1984 data.

**Louisiana 's rank among the 51 states.

Economic Indicators: Louisiana State — Per Cent Change

								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Employment & Wage Statistics	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	1,969.8	1,983.2	1,992.8	1,974.5	1,893.4	1,916.1	**1,910.1**	0.0	***-0.4***	1.3
Total Employed (000)	1,784.5	1,795.3	1,794.0	1,772.5	1,707.7	1,696.9	**1,688.2**	-0.7	***-0.6***	4.1
Non-Agricultural Employment (000)										
Non-Agricultural	1,571.7	1,579.1	1,579.6	1,581.1	1,611.0	1,587.8	**1,582.1**	1.2	***-0.4***	0.8
Wholesale And Retail Trade	375.2	373.6	374.3	376.1	389.5	381.2	**377.7**	2.6	***-1.0***	1.6
Government	311.9	319.3	321.7	324.3	326.0	321.1	**326.0**	1.7	***1.5***	0.8
Services	309.1	312.2	312.7	311.9	313.3	311.2	**312.3**	1.0	***0.3***	1.9
Manufacturing	183.3	183.0	182.4	183.1	184.1	181.3	**179.1**	2.0	***-1.3***	1.4
Transportation & Public Utilities	117.2	116.2	116.1	115.8	118.2	118.3	**117.5**	2.8	***-0.7***	-0.8
Construction	113.3	113.0	110.8	107.1	114.1	110.2	**106.1**	-5.1	***-3.8***	-2.8
Finance, Insurance, And Real Estate	83.8	83.5	83.4	83.6	83.4	83.1	**83.3**	-0.3	***0.2***	0.6
Mining	77.9	78.3	78.2	79.2	82.4	81.4	**80.1**	0.1	***-1.6***	-1.1
Total Unemployed (000)	185.3	187.9	198.8	202.0	185.7	219.2	**221.9**	5.6	***1.2***	-13.6
Unemployment Rate	9.4	9.5	10.0	10.2	9.8	11.4	**11.6**	5.4	***1.7***	-14.8
Unemployment Benefits Paid (000 Weeks)	227.0	190.0	217.4	225.2	223.7	304.3	**269.1**	-3.1	***-11.6***	-26.3
Unemployment Benefits Paid ($ Mil)	33.0	28.0	32.2	33.7	33.4	45.0	**39.3**	-4.2	***-12.7***	-29.4
Average Weekly Manufacturing Hours	41.1	42.0	41.1	42.2	41.8	41.2	**41.5**	-0.5	***0.7***	3.1
Average Weekly Manufacturing Earnings $	415.52	416.34	407.71	436.66	433.88	423.54	**424.13**	1.9	***0.1***	6.1
New Claims (000)	26.6	30.5	32.6	29.0	39.5	43.9	**32.6**	-7.2	***-25.8***	-22.2
Exhaustions (000)	6.6	5.4	5.9	6.0	6.0	7.4	**6.1**	-22.8	***-17.6***	-34.8
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Number of Recipients	208,476	174,248	199,643	206,233	205,314	279,915	**247,224**	na	***-11.7***	na
Benefits Paid $	29,795,562	25,262,388	29,061,964	30,324,606	30,090,371	40,705,566	**35,448,013**	na	***-13.0***	na
Federal Employees										
Number of Recipients	1,252	1,042	1,211	1,707	1,007	1,258	**1,038**	na	***-17.5***	na
Benefits Paid $	159,610	132,502	154,751	241,901	130,483	165,720	**134,905**	na	***-18.6***	na
Ex-Servicemen										
Number of Recipients	1,574	1,502	1,825	1,725	1,527	1,851	**1,405**	na	***-24.1***	na
Benefits Paid $	235,857	226,616	273,183	257,221	228,353	274,147	**205,896**	na	***-24.9***	na
Retail Trade	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	**Dec 84**			
Total Retail Sales	1,792	1,710	1,811	1,689	1,689	1,799	**2,219**	5.4	***23.3***	9.0
Total Department Sales	180	166	188	160	169	220	**318**	2.5	***44.5***	10.2
Revenue Collections $	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Alcoholic Beverages										
Liquor & Wine Tax	1,412,502	1,672,157	1,412,287	1,724,205	2,388,827	2,577,623	**1,376,139**	8.1	***-46.7***	0.4
Beer Tax, State	3,003,792	3,678,447	3,396,198	2,100,450	2,608,772	2,463,256	**1,977,574**	-9.0	***-19.8***	-0.6
Retail Alcoholic Beverage	1,399,822	1,653,719	1,968,648	990,157	2,465,348	1,808,681	**1,349,190**	na	***-25.5***	na
Corporation Franchise Tax	2,885,525	4,466,331	3,967,236	10,068,267	13,270,657	4,246,084	**4,478,588**	62.1	***5.4***	12.4
Gift	70,976	11,240	44,958	22,626	31,172	106,428	**56,031**	-45.9	***-47.4***	12.4
Hazardous Waste	na	na	642,537	7,621	838,094	1,598,493	**4,986**	na	***-99.7***	na
Income										
Corporation Income Tax	4,583,268	46,287,499	12,909,996	11,716,800	33,605,229	3,011,987	**2,001,967**	322.2	***-33.6***	-16.8
Individual Income Tax	34,935,593	28,504,874	52,313,378	36,500,746	44,349,367	61,766,780	**20,733,303**	6.6	***-66.5***	94.8
Inheritance & Estate Transfer	2,669,528	2,356,664	3,001,827	2,692,272	3,544,477	2,380,725	**2,051,515**	-37.3	***-13.9***	-0.5
Natural Resources										
General Severance Tax	65,272,563	64,457,931	32,278,410	54,845,470	61,975,973	63,483,832	**68,334,430**	-35.6	***7.6***	-10.3
Reforestation Severance	9,295	8,756	19,909	-4,926	266	39,091	**5,735**	-39.8	***-85.4***	63.8
Occupation License	19,872	61,457	26,598	21,213	31,463	19,858	**34,840**	11.7	***75.4***	-43.9
Petroleum Products										
Gasoline Tax	23,968,746	28,261,871	24,220,111	28,440,849	25,852,485	26,875,556	**24,436,112**	93.9	***-9.1***	55.1
Inspection Fee (Gasoline)	71,904	78,725	67,950	87,354	65,486	52,113	**61,890**	3.9	***18.7***	14.6
Special Fuels	4,094,239	4,119,034	5,209,368	4,782,953	4,446,032	5,087,449	**4,487,363**	103.2	***-11.8***	64.6
Public Utilities & Carriers										
Inspection & Superision Fee	24,099	17,976	28,723	17,061	347,995	673,778	**57,240**	-31.4	***-91.6***	15.4
Natural Gas Franchise	2,347,274	3,421	320,554	1,326,693	865,670	618,386	**1,832,522**	-13.5	***196.3***	-2.7
Transportation & Communication	5,120,822	42,715	698,250	7,502,276	35,401	1,723,347	**5,794,573**	622.1	***236.2***	2.1
Louisiana General Sales tax	85,944,440	87,305,653	86,511,857	91,034,764	86,774,111	110,736,120	**79,068,821**	41.9	***-28.6***	30.5
Soft Drink	1,170,833	842,057	1,078,669	907,767	781,860	945,389	**704,855**	11.0	***-25.5***	7.7
Soft Drink Permit	15	30	15	5,101	4,541	560	**245**	-26.9	***-56.3***	421.1
Tobacco	8,455,810	6,851,856	7,543,135	7,411,934	6,490,753	8,533,793	**5,697,858**	25.3	***-33.3***	29.3
Tobacco Permit	10	10	35	10	255	300	**145**	16.0	***-51.7***	-10.3
Unclaimed Property	44,516	47,398	765,471	127,586	184,579	18,918	**7,136**	-95.1	***-62.3***	18.1
Other Taxes										
Beer Parishes & Municipalities	491,580	565,061	390,671	454,328	471,594	425,697	**299,983**	16.4	***-29.6***	1.5
LA Stadium & Exposition District	1,458,678	1,058,334	1,089,247	1,382,370	1,354,101	891,676	**606,594**	-3.0	***-32.0***	34.0
New Orleans Exhibition Hall	598,254	422,151	437,800	594,426	591,806	360,736	**253,173**	-3.1	***-29.9***	41.5
Motor Vehicle Tax	14,219,460	11,331,633	12,404,694	10,268,023	10,017,261	12,880,315	**9,501,371**	6.7	***-26.3***	29.4
Royalties, Rentals, and Bonuses	na	44,087,978	51,457,576	42,806,262	43,779,111	44,562,673	**44,915,379**	5.9	***0.7***	na
Total ($000)	264,273	338,194	304,206	317,834	347,172	357,889	**280,129**	4.9	***-21.8***	27.0

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Per Cent Change

									Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
									Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Construction		Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)		957,355	970,690	969,923	951,185	991,327	1,046,651	**1,090,333**			
Value of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)											
Residential		159.3	137.1	186.9	110.5	86.5	125.4	**91.0**	-34.4	***-27.5***	-6.8
Non-Residential		129.7	119.6	187.8	127.6	116.7	110.7	**88.5**	-25.2	***-20.1***	17.4
Non-Building		55.0	45.6	85.2	182.3	203.2	73.6	**78.7**	132.1	***6.9***	-43.4
Number Of Construction Contracts		2,992	2,364	3,025	2,063	1,733	2,254	**1,625**	-47.1	***-28.0***	-19.3
FHLB Construction Loans ($ Mil)		Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Construction											
Condominium	$	9.4	11.6	4.5	2.5	5.6	5.7	**0.9**	-89.1	***-84.3***	-22.7
1-to-4 Unit	$	15.7	14.5	17.5	19.9	12.6	16.8	**10.5**	-46.5	***-37.5***	59.8
5 or More	$	10.3	8.7	2.7	14.6	0.6	2.6	**0.5**	-98.0	***-80.8***	-5.4
Non-Residential	$	17.6	8.5	8.4	10.2	13.5	14.9	**6.9**	-73.2	***-53.7***	-2.8
Purchases											
Single (New)	$	29.3	19.9	22.9	19.0	15.8	11.5	**14.7**	-30.4	***27.8***	61.1
Family (Other)	$	56.1	37.9	41.5	35.2	28.9	20.8	**21.4**	-34.0	***2.8***	42.9
2-to-4 Unit	$	14.8	7.4	7.9	6.2	11.0	3.8	**4.5**	-49.5	***18.4***	44.7
5 or More	$	3.9	3.2	8.5	4.9	10.5	7.1	**0.9**	-81.3	***-87.4***	43.2
Non-Residential	$	25.7	33.6	28.1	20.5	29.7	14.8	**19.5**	-11.8	***31.7***	48.5
Other											
Land Loans	$	11.3	16.2	22.3	17.1	22.4	20.0	**21.6**	94.5	***8.0***	74.9
Refinancing	$	47.5	34.4	31.7	27.1	36.6	27.0	**24.8**	-7.5	***-8.2***	28.3
All Other	$	25.6	16.1	34.1	24.5	15.1	17.7	**12.4**	-34.4	***-30.0***	117.3
Total Loans Closed	$	267.1	211.4	230.1	201.6	202.3	162.6	**138.7**	-38.0	***-14.7***	-4.4
Loans in Process	$	412.6	397.7	368.8	367.8	325.3	316.2	**302.0**	-29.1	***-4.5***	47.3
General Business Activity		Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Corporation Filings											
Domestic Charters		813	735	646	654	1,139	885	**1,265**	169.1	***42.9***	-2.3
Amendments To Domestic Charters		57	81	53	97	147	107	**170**	277.7	***58.8***	na
Notices of Dissolution		57	48	35	76	76	48	**70**	141.3	***45.8***	na
Dissolutions		152	158	83	159	235	180	**326**	471.9	***81.1***	259.5
Mergers or Consolidations		51	48	4	188	123	105	**110**	233.3	***4.7***	108.2
Foreign Qualifications		149	153	105	123	94	139	**144**	242.8	***3.5***	na
Amendments to Foreign Charters		13	10	14	10	18	24	**36**	350.0	***50.0***	206.2
Withdrawals		12	47	38	19	40	44	**54**	350.0	***22.7***	240.5
Telephone Lines (000)		1,740.0	1,742.4	1,738.6	1,736.6	1,730.4	1,727.1	**1,732.0**	1.0	***0.2***	na
Foreign Coal Exports (000 Tons)		550.5	522.2	782.9	571.3	571.4	351.7	**580.4**	57.9	***65.0***	na
Fuel Consumption (000 Gals)		Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	**Jan 85**			
Gasoline		150,050	182,083	160,193	182,696	166,924	177,255	**165,439**	-7.4	***-6.7***	-2.0
Gasohol		294	2,815	3,168	3,237	6,693	8,212	**6,492**	na	***-21.0***	na
Highway Diesel		25,155	23,995	31,984	29,563	27,390	31,374	**27,625**	2.9	***-12.0***	7.1
Highway LPG		403	1,712	633	334	449	379	**436**	-37.3	***15.1***	-10.1
Total Fuel Consumption		175,904	210,606	195,980	215,831	201,458	217,221	**199,994**	-3.0	***-8.0***	0.5
Crude Petroleum Production		Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	**Jan 85**			
North Louisiana (000 Bbls)		2,852	2,852	2,730	2,790	2,700			na	***na***	na
South Louisiana (000 Bbls)		40,300	na	38,970	40,548	39,780			na	***na***	na
Crude Runs To Stills (Daily Avg.)											
CITGO Petroleum		222,606	238,847	225,172	225,172	202,917	201,536	**133,145**	-53.1	***-34.0***	-4.8
CONOCO Inc.		95,198	116,223	116,223	132,584	116,733	103,115	**117,228**	8.6	***13.6***	30.6
EXXON Company		403,688	452,945	417,405	397,894	419,938	413,628	**417,192**	-8.2	***0.8***	1.7
Gulf Oil Company		188,350	193,956	187,901	192,308	186,712	131,518	**180,038**	-4.1	***36.8***	12.8
Marathon Oil		175,403	185,167	165,152	164,669	174,557	166,041	**165,547**	-3.1	***-0.3***	na
Murphy Oil Company		49,210	51,506	51,477	51,477	65,342	56,806	**46,447**	-19.8	***-18.3***	-14.3
Shell Oil Company		211,312	204,606	193,396	193,396	187,132	191,746	**165,739**	-14.4	***-13.6***	4.8
Tenneco Oil Company		89,363	76,322	87,080	91,198	134,071	135,014	**71,609**	-15.4	***-47.0***	9.8
Texaco Inc.		45,268	140,143	167,123	180,338	159,586	136,959	**89,574**	-33.6	***-34.6***	-3.3
Others		106,032	113,292	190,877	100,934	107,652	90,189	**99,468**	-4.2	***10.2***	1.5
Total		1,375,118	1,773,007	1,714,726	1,729,970	1,754,640	1,626,552	**1,485,993**	-16.5	***-8.7***	2.5
LOOP, Inc. Activity (Bbls)		Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	**Jan 85**			
Alaska		633,893	631,002	2,023,023	2,200,682	3,731,334	2,661,669	**2,750,675**	0.0	***3.3***	148.7
Mexico		5,078,250	5,185,166	5,025,305	4,379,807	3,059,212	3,770,488	**3,191,561**	-37.6	***-15.4***	21.6
United Kingdom		0	0	475,638	518,406	497,257	0	**0**	-100.0	***0.0***	-78.9
Iraq		699,851	0	589,078	391,766	0	628,689	**0**	0.0	***-100.0***	24.0
Saudi Arabia		2,913,363	6,451,037	642,566	4,481,012	1,773,905	567,194	**1,178,288**	-46.6	***107.7***	1.7
United Arab Emerits		799,626	898,460	475,638	2,176,892	1,418,251	1,897,566	**0**	-100.0	***-100.0***	403.3
Nigeria		1,311,239	364,452	1,364,252	2,391,339	0	961,056	**1,048,823**	28.5	***9.1***	-38.7
Gabon		0	0	0	0	970,817	783,015	**0**	0.0	***-100.0***	23.2
Congo		483,760	0	0	885,439	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	-15.5
Other		483,760	0	0	450,513	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	-73.5
Total		12,403,742	13,530,117	10,595,500	17,875,856	11,450,776	11,269,677	**8,169,347**	-21.8	***-27.6***	9.8

Economic Indicators: Louisiana State — Per Cent Change

Welfare Activity	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Aid to Dependent Children										
Total Assistance Payments										
Persons										
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value										
Recipients										
Medicaid Information										
Claims										
Benefits Paid										
Inpatient - General Hospital										
ICF Mental										
ICF I Services										
Physicians										
Drugs										

The series has been temporarily suspended to verify the data, and to avoid Federal sanctions.

Support Enforcement Services	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
New Applications Received										
Number of Cases that Paid										
Amount Collected										
Average Amount per Case										

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Gas Activity Report • MCF	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	**Jan 85**	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Field Intake	60,978,806	60,285,209	57,284,063	57,664,642	54,065,655	57,592,158	**55,993,448**	-12.1	***-2.8***	na
Pipeline & Other Intake	66,842,557	62,058,718	58,064,295	64,217,403	51,655,238	57,647,198	**61,197,047**	-12.3	***6.1***	na
Sales to Pipelines	105,294,584	101,339,541	93,507,046	100,021,075	85,255,029	93,345,554	**95,339,583**	-14.7	***2.1***	na
Sales to City Gates & Industrials	5,375,064	5,452,230	5,705,097	5,523,847	5,234,744	5,956,584	**6,037,562**	3.2	***1.3***	na
Return to Field	2,293,218	1,996,379	2,090,412	1,861,452	2,066,196	2,481,246	**2,591,266**	26.5	***4.4***	na
Returned for Gas Lift	3,193,542	2,842,919	3,002,709	3,240,634	2,615,629	2,784,215	**2,707,980**	-15.5	***-2.8***	na
Returned to Reservoir	1,775,503	1,695,930	1,837,112	1,901,836	1,957,875	1,670,459	**1,888,657**	16.8	***13.0***	na
Vented	417,951	267,408	218,497	191,543	155,113	165,483	**184,989**	-43.5	***11.7***	na
Plant Fuel	4,090,392	3,826,682	3,821,618	3,795,414	3,498,757	3,601,861	**3,489,210**	-10.2	***-3.2***	na
Shrinkage and Other	5,381,381	4,922,838	5,165,867	5,346,244	4,937,550	5,233,954	**4,951,248**	1.5	***-5.5***	na

Beer Sales Information	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	**Jan 85**	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Number of Cases Sold	4,181,105	4,909,632	3,532,013	4,184,607	3,668,933	3,794,900	**2,942,859**	0.8	***-22.5***	0.3
State Excise Tax Revenue	$ 459,923	540,061	388,520	460,307	403,581	417,440	**323,722**	0.8	***-22.5***	0.3

State Employee's Retirement	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Retirement Benefits Disbursed										
Regular	$ 9,527,882	10,132,029	10,479,314	11,982,815	13,643,005	11,650,452	**11,852,408**	30.7	***1.7***	22.0
Disability	$ 722,749	763,852	780,009	772,344	774,479	790,964	**794,953**	16.5	***0.5***	14.5
Survivors	$ 1,302,484	1,380,098	1,407,879	1,410,971	1,421,484	1,434,881	**1,455,269**	17.1	***1.4***	12.7
Total Benefits Disbursed	$ 11,553,115	12,275,979	12,667,202	14,166,130	15,838,968	13,876,297	**14,102,630**	28.3	***1.6***	20.5
Average Check Amount										
Regular	$ 689.43	731.66	748.04	822.43	889.90	758.99	**770.54**	15.1	***1.5***	13.1
Disability	$ 468.41	486.84	500.33	497.00	496.14	502.20	**501.86**	9.5	***-0.1***	8.1
Survivors	$ 470.55	496.44	503.53	503.74	503.00	507.20	**510.80**	10.8	***0.7***	6.4

New Car Sales	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Buick	1,221	1,279	1,434	1,166	1,459	948	1,013	929	872	1,083	776	**1,031**	0.1	***32.8***	-3.6
Cadillac	448	494	437	374	457	331	379	350	305	407	292	**338**	0.8	***15.7***	-10.0
Chevrolet	1,907	2,080	2,133	1,793	2,042	1.743	1,848	1,381	1,314	1,941	1,444	**1,905**	-6.3	***31.9***	1.2
Chrysler	283	382	415	357	426	363	444	523	347	482	434	**568**	80.8	***30.8***	49.2
Datsun	581	622	835	867	967	562	417	677	na	na	na	**734**	31.3	***-107.3***	na
Dodge	310	422	610	315	372	345	454	509	327	531	452	**600**	89.8	***32.7***	27.7
Ford	1,801	1,933	2,211	1,657	1,886	1,440	2,130	1,828	1,413	1,979	1,450	**1,898**	1.6	***30.8***	5.6
Honda	534	494	478	432	698	314	537	419	378	759	339	**385**	4.9	***13.5***	39.0
Lincoln	304	279	321	312	315	305	397	397	275	393	247	**316**	0.3	***27.9***	26.4
Mazda	180	223	223	199	207	226	214	190	129	185	172	**200**	10.4	***16.2***	-10.9
Mercury	646	834	834	693	802	715	758	648	660	732	554	**715**	1.4	***29.0***	12.2
Oldsmobile	1,867	2,132	2,127	1,668	1,769	1,327	1,285	1,236	1,156	1,669	1,266	**1,509**	-28.0	***19.1***	-16.7
Plymouth	206	257	329	200	209	197	273	307	232	372	332	**427**	74.2	***28.6***	36.7
Pontiac	1,001	1,172	1,259	977	1,174	836	1,114	838	743	1,008	696	**1,030**	-6.7	***47.9***	9.0
Renault	81	97	140	129	257	90	108	83	74	48	53	**93**	-44.4	***75.4***	-4.6
Toyota	523	550	819	840	1,068	744	801	714	660	928	700	**768**	41.1	***9.7***	-2.6
Volkswagen	112	129	102	107	93	108	88	60	78	113	92	**111**	-19.6	***20.6***	6.9
Volvo	149	142	169	131	121	75	81	74	113	128	87	**129**	-26.8	***48.2***	-9.9
Other	489	641	593	445	445	472	499	392	979	1,361	960	**514**	20.6	***-46.5***	33.4
Total Car Sales	12,643	14,162	15,469	12,662	14,767	11,141	12,840	11,555	10,055	14,119	10,346	**13,271**	2.7	***28.2***	2.2

New Truck Sales	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Chevrolet	1,906	2,168	2,172	1,792	2,006	1,586	1,803	1,561	1,360	1,903	1,281	**1,762**	-6.4	***37.5***	-1.3
Datsun	247	322	399	299	225	178	300	276	na	na	na	**368**	5.7	***-103.6***	na
Dodge	803	778	965	750	703	576	750	651	626	873	802	**1,004**	35.8	***25.1***	41.9
Ford	2,313	2,428	2,718	2,129	2,229	1,855	2,261	1,969	1,669	2,221	1,681	**2,158**	-4.9	***28.3***	2.5
GMC	507	697	661	499	590	437	641	508	395	545	382	**513**	5.9	***34.2***	6.2
Mazda	119	187	197	144	186	178	198	108	114	182	150	**152**	-5.6	***1.3***	14.3
Toyota	498	634	850	576	781	793	678	481	479	821	642				
Other	457	554	583	439	509	445	474	388	696	1,048	839	**551**	17.9	***-34.4***	75.8
Total Truck Sales	6,850	7,768	8,545	6,628	7,229	6,048	7,105	5,942	5,339	7,593	5,777				

Economic Indicators: - New Orleans Area

									Per Cent Change		
									Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
									Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Employment & Wage Statistics		Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		545.3	542.2	544.6	543.3	561.4	570.3	**564.8**	-0.6	***-1.0***	1.7
Total Employed (000)		496.9	492.1	491.4	488.8	506.6	506.7	**501.6**	-2.2	***-1.1***	2.6
Average Weekly Manufacturing Earnings	$	381.48	378.73	367.88	373.20	419.02	422.99	**421.46**	-4.4	***-0.4***	8.5
Average Weekly Manufacturing Hours		40.8	40.9	39.6	40.0	40.8	40.8	**40.8**	-3.4	***0.0***	5.2
Total Unemployed (000)		48.4	50.1	53.2	54.5	54.8	63.6	**63.2**	14.7	***-0.7***	-6.9
Unemployment Rate		8.9	9.2	9.8	10.0	9.8	11.2	**11.2**	15.4	***0.0***	-8.7
Regular State Unemployment Benefits											
Number of Recipients		62,413	53,291	60,253	60,972	62,047	80,436	**69,072**	na	***-14.2***	na
Benefits Paid	$	9,365,447	8,055,067	9,170,774	9,395,661	9,440,908	12,130,755	**10,333,617**	na	***-14.9***	na
Construction		Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)		277,677	270,846	270,846	264,845	273,454	295,430	**331,338**	12.2	***12.1***	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)											
Residential		38.3	35.3	57.5	30.6	22.0	53.3	**28.5**	-32.7	***-46.6***	3.8
Non-Residential		36.9	52.3	63.3	41.1	33.4	41.0	**24.3**	-28.6	***-40.8***	5.9
Number Of Construction Contracts		768	601	598	661	391	884	**566**	-39.8	***-36.0***	-13.2
FHLB Constraction Loans ($ Mil)		Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Construction											
Condominium	$	3.1	0.3	0.5	2.0	1.2	0.9	**0.9**	-88.4	***0.0***	na
1-to-4 Unit	$	6.1	5.3	7.2	4.6	5.7	6.0	**3.6**	-64.0	***-40.0***	na
5 or More	$	5.5	8.4	1.5	8.3	0.0	1.1	**0.5**	-73.7	***-54.6***	na
Non-Residential	$	8.1	6.8	3.7	2.7	4.2	10.7	**3.6**	-69.3	***-66.4***	na
Purchases											
Single (New)	$	15.6	11.2	11.7	8.8	6.7	5.0	**7.1**	-50.0	***42.0***	na
Family (Other)	$	34.9	24.6	26.8	20.9	16.1	11.4	**8.4**	-57.6	***-26.4***	na
2-to-4 Unit	$	11.5	6.9	7.3	4.9	5.6	2.7	**3.6**	-55.6	***33.3***	na
5 or More	$	2.3	2.8	4.5	1.0	3.4	5.9	**0.3**	-93.7	***-95.0***	na
Non-Residential	$	19.5	15.8	24.3	16.3	18.0	11.7	**13.7**	23.4	***17.0***	na
Other											
Land Loans	$	5.7	5.7	6.3	9.8	9.5	6.2	**1.3**	-86.5	***-79.1***	na
Refinancing	$	27.4	23.3	16.1	12.2	24.1	10.8	**10.5**	3.9	***-2.8***	na
All Other	$	7.0	8.0	20.5	11.0	7.4	6.1	**3.7**	-52.0	***-39.4***	na
Total Loans Closed	$	146.6	118.8	130.4	102.7	102.0	78.4	**56.9**	-51.2	***-27.5***	-14.2
Loans in Process	$	223.7	216.6	192.6	192.9	161.1	147.2	**152.2**	-45.9	***3.3***	na
Seaport Activity (000 Tons)		Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Breakbulk Cargo		222.8	227.2	321.6	147.2	234.7	252.6	**na**	na	***na***	na
Imports		198.7	198.5	249.5	145.1	206.4	243.4	**na**	na	***na***	na
Exports		24.1	28.7	72.1	2.1	28.3	9.2	**na**	na	***na***	na
Container Cargo		135.4	179.9	131.3	203.3	168.6	113.8	**198.7**	-5.9	***74.6***	-1.0
Imports		60.8	82.6	63.1	86.6	75.4	50.4	**95.8**	9.2	***90.0***	5.0
Exports		74.6	97.3	68.2	116.7	93.2	63.4	**102.9**	-16.7	***62.3***	-5.3
Ro-Ro Cargo		75.6	61.2	85.9	74.3	52.4	86.2	**134.4**	92.2	***55.9***	25.0
Imports		21.6	21.6	31.0	25.4	18.1	28.0	**41.8**	54.8	***49.2***	31.5
Exports		54.0	39.6	54.9	48.9	34.3	58.2	**92.6**	115.8	***59.1***	21.9
Lash & Seabee Cargo		16.8	10.8	17.2	1.6	22.1	3.9	**6.6**	-85.3	***69.2***	-47.1
Imports		14.8	9.8	14.5	1.6	10.9	2.6	**5.9**	-82.6	***126.9***	-36.8
Exports		2.0	1.0	2.7	0.0	11.2	1.3	**0.7**	-93.5	***-46.2***	-62.7
Bulk Terminal Cargo		201.0	108.2	155.5	64.7	70.1	120.7	**91.1**	-27.1	***-24.6***	5.3
Imports		200.6	94.3	151.8	62.9	61.1	97.2	**80.1**	-34.6	***-17.6***	22.4
Exports		0.4	13.9	3.7	1.8	9.0	23.5	**11.0**	323.0	***-53.2***	-49.0
Total		651.6	587.3	711.5	491.1	547.9	577.2	**430.8**	-45.2	***-25.4***	4.6
Grain Exports		947.9	813.4	978.8	1,050.6	1,317.0	1,189.1	**na**	na	***na***	na
Vessel Arrivals		339	308	330	347	387	336	**301**	7.8	***-10.5***	5.9
Grain Deliveries (Mil Bushels)		32.3	27.8	33.4	38.0	42.8	39.4	**27.4**	-1.8	***-30.5***	33.3
Coffee Imports (000 Bags)		240.6	235.6	329.7	0.0	296.0	226.0	**241.2**	43.2	***6.7***	-0.8
Duty Collected ($ Mil)		18	15	17	19	19	18	**16**	0.0	***-11.2***	25.6
Import Cars Loaded		316	198	256	218	226	286	**234**	1.2	***-18.2***	20.8
Airport Activity		Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Cargo (Tons)		174	160	191	177	167	175	**155**	-11.5	***-11.5***	4.4
Flight Arrivals		6,253	5,687	5,823	5,049	5,034	5,074	**4,369**	-9.3	***-13.9***	12.6
Passengers (000)											
Enplaned		333.0	285.1	309.4	263.1	234.6	218.4	**243.5**	16.3	***11.4***	15.2
Deplaned		340.4	286.2	315.1	258.6	223.3	225.4	**243.3**	11.0	***7.9***	15.0
Mail (Tons)											
Enplaned		615.5	616.8	927.5	478.0	851.5	618.1	**608.3**	-0.1	***-1.6***	13.2
Deplaned		626.7	638.5	641.2	657.6	870.0	669.5	**545.4**	-10.4	***-18.6***	1.9
Freight (Tons)											
Enplaned		1,009.9	1,091.7	1,082.3	1,182.2	1,112.2	1,185.7	**855.3**	-17.7	***-27.9***	8.6
Deplaned		1,458.6	1,524.3	1,638.3	1,585.0	1,271.1	1,493.9	**1,204.3**	-24.5	***-19.4***	0.3
Express (Tons)											
Enplaned		12.6	3.8	15.6	15.4	8.2	5.3	**10.5**	6.0	***98.1***	-12.8
Deplaned		31.8	3.8	35.2	27.4	24.3	20.2	**26.4**	11.3	***30.6***	-6.7

Economic Indicators: New Orleans Area — Per Cent Change

								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Gas Activity Report • MCF	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	**Jan 85**			
Field Intake	4,620,327	4,666,481	5,608,965	5,628,358	5,244,040	5,479,944	**4,993,400**	7.5	***-8.9***	6.2
Pipeline & Other Intake	19,003,030	18,423,493	18,198,231	19,557,273	18,534,416	19,910,295	**19,689,353**	-17.3	***-1.2***	9.3
Sales to Pipelines	19,559,176	18,985,553	19,489,925	20,773,563	19,700,922	21,022,822	**19,465,661**	-20.7	***-7.5***	9.8
Sales to City Gates & Industrials	469,523	480,130	447,318	458,390	459,001	478,080	**463,589**	3.7	***-3.1***	2.0
Return to Field	584,540	609,076	680,503	754,200	527,438	706,890	**710,982**	11.6	***0.5***	9.3
Returned for Gas Lift	1,214,885	1,209,508	1,150,400	1,180,098	1,123,056	1,187,097	**1,178,434**	4.3	***-0.8***	-8.0
Returned to Reservoir	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Vented	4,540	2,157	1,160	7,415	1,870	2,024	**6,389**	-53.1	***215.6***	-70.5
Plant Fuel	744,574	739,887	807,716	850,168	764,564	807,728	**765,958**	2.1	***-5.2***	-1.1
Shrinkage and Other	1,046,119	1,063,663	1,230,174	1,161,797	1,201,605	1,185,598	**1,091,740**	19.9	***-8.0***	12.0
Retail Trade	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	**Dec 84**			
Department Store Sales	53,110	48,930	53,298	49,316	50,859	66,274	**97,974**	5.1	***47.8***	8.2
Number of Department Stores	43	43	43	43	44	44	**44**	na	***0.0***	na
Beer Sales Information	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	**Jan 85**			
Number of Cases Sold	1,392,085	1,566,902	1,155,134	1,380,207	1,122,576	1,169,430	**952,870**	3.4	***-18.6***	1.0
State Excise Tax Revenue	$ 153,130	172,359	127,065	151,823	123,482	128,638	**104,822**	3.4	***-18.6***	1.0
Welfare Activity	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Aid To Dependent Children										
Total Assistance Payments										
Persons										
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value										
Recipients										
Medicaid Information	The series has been temporarily suspended to verify the data, and to avoid Federal sanctions.									
Claims										
Benefits Paid										
Inpatient - General Hospital										
ICF Mental										
ICF I Services										
Physicians										
Drugs										
Support Enforcement Services	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
New Applications Received										
Number of Cases that Paid	The series has been temporarily suspended to verify the data, and to avoid Federal sanctions.									
Amount Collected										
Average Amount per Case										
General Business Activity	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Attendance at Conventions & Meetings	43,278	57,419	52,883	45,800	13,837	29,460	**49,875**	7.4	***69.2***	-1.3
Telephone Lines (000)	790.0	792.4	793.0	790.9	790.7	792.5	**789.1**	1.3	***-0.5***	na
Revenue Collections $	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Retail Sales Tax - State	22,764,066	21,842,030	22,559,553	23,782,375	21,913,157	27,401,996	**23,348,542**	64.7	***-14.8***	28.0
Severance Tax	4,533,869	5,236,856	3,327,018	4,487,722	5,446,799	5,234,888	**5,606,311**	-25.5	***7.0***	16.2
Minimum Royalty	3,819,631	4,023,893	4,112,950	3,782,129	5,547,235	4,897,991	**4,100,711**	na	***-16.3***	na
Hotel/Motel Room Occupancy										
LA Stadium & Exposition District	1,458,678	1,058,334	1,089,247	1,382,370	1,354,101	891,676	**606,594**	-3.0	***-32.0***	34.0
New Orleans Exhibition Hall	598,254	422,151	437,800	594,426	591,806	360,736	**253,173**	-3.1	***-29.9***	41.5

New Car Sales	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Buick	385	401	498	354	475	295	317	303	254	320	267	**299**	8.7	***11.9***	2.5
Cadillac	138	169	148	113	147	93	138	125	108	113	101	**110**	2.8	***8.9***	-6.7
Chevrolet	429	499	547	453	479	392	426	353	355	479	366	**496**	-4.5	***35.5***	-4.9
Chrylser	52	91	79	55	102	88	106	97	71	117	72	**153**	178.1	***112.5***	46.1
Datsun	234	254	292	340	387	230	167	272	na	na	na	**235**	5.8	***-102.3***	na
Dodge	131	155	161	126	140	141	144	159	101	175	114	**190**	49.6	***66.6***	2.9
Ford	608	597	675	558	663	463	616	591	463	532	452	**627**	13.7	***38.7***	4.0
Honda	179	160	144	142	228	86	124	131	95	213	93	**125**	12.6	***34.4***	22.5
Lincoln	87	71	81	91	120	83	102	151	69	110	42	**97**	42.6	***130.9***	20.6
Mazda	59	92	66	65	83	83	60	60	45	64	52	**56**	-6.7	***7.6***	-7.7
Mercury	168	220	234	208	237	200	199	164	160	210	153	**177**	5.3	***15.6***	13.7
Oldsmobile	479	589	599	472	484	363	371	370	336	450	377	**380**	-25.1	***0.7***	-13.1
Plymouth	41	59	75	52	64	64	65	75	63	108	92	**95**	53.2	***3.2***	28.8
Pontiac	262	345	281	290	305	252	293	231	220	272	185	**273**	-11.1	***47.5***	33.7
Renault	32	36	42	43	79	30	34	24	19	22	20	**28**	-20.0	***40.0***	-32.6
Toyota	162	180	301	301	322	220	230	233	232	260	227	**254**	31.6	***11.8***	-9.0
Volkswagen	22	44	35	55	45	50	55	25	42	49	52	**48**	54.8	***-7.7***	22.5
Volvo	40	43	66	51	35	17	25	19	39	40	25	**24**	-59.4	***-4.0***	-17.2
Other	183	255	244	166	157	188	189	157	199	503	372	**209**	10.0	***-43.9***	18.5
Total Car Sales	3,691	4,260	4,568	3,935	4,552	3,338	3,661	3,540	2,871	4,037	3,062	**3,876**	6.2	***26.5***	0.9

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New Truck Sales	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: **Prior Month**	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Chevrolet	410	416	466	374	359	285	331	327	235	326	267	**370**	3.3	***38.5***	2.0
Datsun	61	96	91	84	51	47	66	68	na	na	na	**74**	-16.9	***-100.7***	na
Dodge	147	182	204	158	147	123	127	179	144	170	122	**177**	21.2	***45.0***	16.4
Ford	565	574	636	485	542	480	478	493	399	468	394	**543**	1.8	***37.8***	-3.5
GMC	45	69	69	49	74	40	69	66	40	62	36	**61**	41.8	***69.4***	13.7
Mazda	19	35	28	22	26	32	29	16	20	29	21	**25**	-21.9	***19.0***	0.6
Toyota	142	183	231	178	187	180	189	130	125	173	201	**217**	65.6	***7.9***	47.9
Other	159	146	160	118	165	105	115	126	189	279	223	**153**	42.9	***-31.4***	97.1
Total Truck Sales	1,548	1,701	1,885	1,468	1,551	1,292	1,404	1,405	1,152	1,507	1,264	**1,620**	12.5	***28.1***	11.2

General Remarks

Recent developments have taken place regarding the Louisiana Economic Indicators (LEI) and its ongoing development which should be brought to the attention of the subscribers. These developments focus on improvements to the LEI, changes to existing data series, and the introduction to new data series.

Personnel Additions

The staff of the LEI has been increased by the addition of two permanent employees. The data entry and the maintenance responsibility will be assumed by Mrs. Jean O. Charlton, who has had an extensive background in this field in other state agencies. The publication of the LEI & associated outputs will be done by Ms. Nawal Farah, who has a degree in Computer Science from Southeastern Louisiana University and experience with major computing projects.

Errata

Erroneous data were published for the "Persons" in the Welfare Activity: Aid to Dependant Children. For the Alexandria Area (page 14) January 1985. The correct value is 6,257.

The decline in the number of Datsun vehicles sold in the "New Cars/Trucks" section will be displayed as Datsun with all Datsun & Nissan consolidated into this category. This name change occurred in September, 1984. The decreases in the number of Datsun reported was likewise reflected in the corresponding increases in the Other category, thus the total number of vehicles for new cars and trucks is correct.

Software/Data Base Upgrading

During the past four months extensive alterations were made in the Division's software and data base to facilitate the flexibility in the publication of the LEI. Future emphasis is being placed on the analysis of the data & its trends.

The data base has been expanded by 100,000 records as a result of greater online storage capacity at the Louisiana State University's System Network Computer Center. This will permit the inclusion of more detailed data of existing series as well as the establishment of new series. The objective of the LEI is to publish statistical series which are not readily available from state and private sources.

New Data Series

The Division of Research & Development is appreciative of the data contributions by the Department of Natural Resources. The Gas Activity Report, Crude Petroleum Production, and the Louisiana Offshore Oil Port (LOOP) statistics represents an effort to profile the crude oil and natural gas activities of the state. The incorportation of the drilling statistics will provide a complete picture of the state's crude oil and natural gas production. The category of Medicaid Information: Benefits Paid has been expanded to include the five major items which are The Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF): Mental and I Services, Physicians, Inpatient (General Hospital), and Drugs in order to highlight the most significant contributors. Support Enforcement Services is another new series which displays four component categories.

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- Average Amount Collected Per Paying Case

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Per Cent Change

									Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
									Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Employment & Wage Statistics		Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		251.3	253.6	254.4	254.0	249.3	252.1	**249.2**	2.6	***-1.2***	3.4
Total Employed (000)		230.1	232.2	231.4	230.7	227.8	228.3	**225.3**	1.4	***-1.4***	4.6
Total Unemployed (000)		21.2	21.4	23.0	23.3	21.5	23.8	**23.9**	10.6	***0.4***	-8.6
Unemployment Rate		8.4	9.0	8.8	9.2	8.6	9.5	**9.6**	7.8	***1.0***	-11.6
Average Weekly Manufacturing Earnings	$	490.56	504.61	488.82	502.80	502.07	546.74	**485.89**	-1.8	***-11.2***	3.8
Average Weekly Manufacturing Hours		42.0	42.8	40.6	41.9	41.7	43.6	**40.9**	-3.1	***-6.2***	0.7
Regular State Unemployment Benefits											
Number of Recipients		26,197	22,322	25,539	26,620	25,247	30,676	**26,156**	na	***-14.8***	na
Benefits Paid	$	4,116,338	3,563,171	4,072,042	4,285,349	4,101,455	4,960,184	**4,173,097**	na	***-15.9***	na
Construction		Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)		33,090	30,211	30,211	30,546	38,751	40,306	**39,025**	20.6	***-3.2***	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)											
Residential		27.2	20.1	39.4	17.0	16.9	28.2	**18.6**	-13.9	***-34.1***	-10.9
Non-Residential		14.0	12.4	56.7	32.1	32.8	26.5	**19.6**	-49.5	***-26.1***	9.3
Number Of Construction Contracts		398	328	1,626	845	264	651	**308**	-37.7	***-52.7***	-15.1
FHLB Constraction Loans ($ Mil)		Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Construction											
Condominium	$	1.9	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	-100.0	***0.0***	na
1-to-4 Unit	$	2.7	4.7	5.6	1.7	1.4	3.3	**2.0**	-56.6	***-39.4***	na
5 or More	$	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	**0.0**	-100.0	***0.0***	na
Non-Residential	$	0.4	1.0	3.5	0.9	0.9	0.3	**1.5**	-44.5	***400.0***	na
Purchases											
Single (New)	$	3.9	3.5	4.0	2.8	3.0	2.3	**2.6**	116.6	***13.0***	na
Family (Other)	$	2.1	1.6	3.2	2.3	2.2	1.6	**1.5**	-21.1	***-6.3***	na
2-to-4 Unit	$	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.5	**0.0**	-100.0	***-100.0***	na
5 or More	$	0.6	0.0	0.0	1.9	2.1	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Non-Residential	$	3.3	1.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.4	**0.5**	-16.7	***25.0***	na
Other											
Land Loans	$	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	2.1	2.5	**0.3**	-70.0	***-88.0***	na
Refinancing	$	1.9	1.3	1.1	3.3	2.8	0.5	**1.4**	-60.0	***180.0***	na
All Other	$	6.9	2.0	2.2	3.6	0.7	3.9	**2.7**	-32.5	***-30.8***	na
Total Loans Closed	$	27.6	16.9	20.8	16.6	16.2	15.3	**12.3**	-40.9	***-19.7***	6.7
Loans In Process	$	44.0	41.4	38.8	37.4	33.8	33.2	**31.6**	-16.0	***-4.9***	na
Baton Rouge Port Activity		Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Net Tonnage Summary By Facility											
Cargo Docks		33,692	17,313	22,795	35,221	29,372	25,379	**44,407**	-6.5	***74.9***	-25.4
Barge Terminal		6,452	14,338	8,585	10,293	14,319	14,554	**11,727**	5.6	***-19.5***	13.1
Molasses Terminal		21,375	0	43,785	0	7,722	0	**12,502**	-21.5	***0.0***	-13.8
Petroleum Terminal		17,266	70,393	66,444	10,730	35,758	38,740	**53,215**	-37.1	***37.3***	-64.6
MS Mooring Facility		120,906	123,006	116,303	81,123	60,476	123,800	**129,754**	51.8	***4.8***	6.4
MISC. Mid - Stream		na	na	na	na	0	12,317	**na**	na	***na***	na
Cargill Elevator		na	na	na	na	336,950	213,428	**232,932**	-7.4	***9.1***	na
Total		199,691	225,050	257,912	137,367	484,597	428,218	**484,537**	-2.6	***13.1***	-28.1
Coal Exports (000 Tons)		120,906	123,096	60,906	57,710	60,478	123,800	**129,754**	116.9	***4.8***	23.1
General Business Activity		Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Airline Cargo											
Inbound		203,394	197,899	170,829	77,010	173,000	245,192	**196,781**	8.9	***-19.8***	5.3
Outbound		67,778	76,651	77,423	86,529	159,600	80,164	**93,883**	24.4	***17.1***	20.3
Airline Passenger Boardings		25,368	28,536	26,903	24,785	24,300	24,296	**30,355**	11.2	***24.9***	8.8
Classified Advertisement Lineage (000)		1,402.1	1,373.9	1,316.9	1,210.0	1,173.2	1,215.8	**1,430.9**	-1.4	***17.6***	9.4
Classified Advertisement Count (000)		110.5	106.6	100.2	92.2	97.4	92.8	**113.1**	1.6	***21.8***	3.1
Telephone Lines (000)		245.6	246.5	246.0	245.0	244.5	244.5	**246.6**	2.5	***0.8***	na
Beer Sales Information		Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	**Jan 85**			
Number of Cases Sold		332,910	560,383	403,684	482,784	418,802	439,890	**349,252**	2.1	***-20.7***	-0.3
State Excise Tax Revenue	$	36,620	61,642	44,406	53,106	46,068	48,388	**38,418**	2.1	***-20.7***	-0.3
Welfare Activity		Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Aid To Dependent Children											
Total Assistance Payments											
Persons											
Food Stamp Information											
Coupon Value											
Recipients											
Medicaid Information											
Claims											
Benefits Paid											
Inpatient - General Hospital											
ICF Mental											
ICF I Services											
Physicians											
Drugs											

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Support Enforcement Services	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**
New Applications Received Number of Cases that Paid Amount Collected Average Amount per Case	The series has been temporarily suspended to verify the data, and to avoid Federal sanctions.						

Revenue Collections $	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Retail Sales Tax - State	10,621,649	9,326,627	9,300,194	9,118,258	9,341,756	12,463,466	**8,348,094**	39.2	***-33.1***	26.4
Severance Tax	3,823,200	3,714,178	2,753,582	3,508,975	3,732,500	3,614,585	**3,513,769**	-24.4	***-2.8***	17.4
Minimum Royalty	143,372	34,677	2,736,774	299,050	2,044,813	421,268	**367,106**	na	***-12.9***	na

Retail Trade	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	**Dec 84**	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Department Store Sales	29,029	26,890	31,182	26,066	27,603	36,677	**53,809**	3.8	***46.7***	7.2
Number of Department Stores	26	26	26	26	26	26	**26**	na	***0.0***	na

New Car Sales	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Buick	104	151	150	110	198	114	97	110	101	117	92	**175**	50.8	***90.2***	1.2
Cadillac	76	42	54	50	71	48	37	32	30	48	24	**29**	-21.7	***20.8***	-20.6
Chevrolet	213	280	292	216	296	242	234	194	201	242	148	**210**	-7.5	***41.8***	5.3
Chrysler	32	45	76	59	86	68	68	54	41	61	46	**64**	88.2	***39.1***	25.0
Datsun	92	99	173	158	211	91	64	111	na	na	na	**153**	56.1	***-101.5***	na
Dodge	28	63	76	19	59	57	39	39	47	54	53	**74**	236.3	***39.6***	55.8
Ford	215	197	348	180	259	153	185	166	114	299	126	**234**	9.3	***85.7***	-1.0
Honda	93	78	89	62	140	74	178	77	78	229	44	**101**	65.5	***129.5***	90.3
Lincoln	21	25	37	40	29	22	34	29	27	49	27	**23**	-34.3	***-14.9***	21.8
Mazda	17	23	37	29	19	18	22	18	16	16	22	**31**	82.3	***40.9***	-0.8
Mercury	80	63	150	96	112	75	75	78	53	92	52	**61**	-9.0	***17.3***	44.2
Oldsmobile	190	183	252	161	187	166	114	117	94	170	108	**136**	-26.9	***25.9***	20.4
Plymouth	25	30	36	24	35	26	35	49	30	49	44	**65**	91.1	***47.7***	51.3
Pontiac	153	141	207	98	167	102	127	100	97	111	84	**123**	-14.6	***46.4***	-13.5
Renault	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	-100.0	***0.0***	-95.7
Toyota	163	145	279	279	401	311	293	227	209	368	241	**264**	37.5	***9.5***	-0.6
Volkswagen	22	21	19	11	18	13	7	8	6	18	14	**26**	18.1	***85.7***	-8.5
Volvo	64	49	57	39	45	38	29	27	36	48	28	**68**	-1.5	***142.8***	-11.5
Other	81	109	107	64	83	96	95	54	185	247	176	**76**	-3.8	***-56.9***	12.1
Total Car Sales	1,671	1,744	2,441	1,695	2,416	1,714	1,733	1,490	1,365	2,218	1,329	**1,913**	14.9	***43.9***	0.8

New Truck Sales	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Chevrolet	247	190	279	161	267	229	174	137	176	203	125	**193**	-15.8	***54.4***	3.5
Datsun	37	66	111	68	62	37	67	47	na	na	na	**80**	-7.0	***-100.8***	na
Dodge	130	137	169	88	164	82	113	85	89	99	117	**152**	7.8	***29.9***	7.8
Ford	300	224	388	238	303	226	233	192	180	278	175	**249**	-2.0	***42.2***	-3.2
GMC	38	56	69	40	36	46	50	46	30	34	18	**33**	26.9	***83.3***	18.9
Mazda	24	31	27	18	35	25	48	23	28	34	29	**15**	-25.0	***-48.3***	17.4
Toyota	201	276	409	243	396	407	298	181	196	364	288	**256**	12.7	***-11.2***	24.1
Other	50	71	92	45	48	57	50	36	111	200	118	**74**	100.0	***-37.3***	61.3
Total Truck Sales	1,027	1,051	1,544	901	1,311	1,109	1,033	747	810	1,212	870	**1,052**	3.1	***20.9***	11.6

Economic Indicators: Lafayette Area — Per Cent Change

									Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
									Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Employment & Wage Statistics		Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		97.9	97.8	99.1	98.7	108.1	108.6	**108.5**	-2.5	***-0.1***	1.7
Total Employed (000)		92.1	91.9	92.6	92.5	100.3	99.3	**99.2**	-2.0	***-0.2***	3.7
Total Unemployed (000)		5.8	5.9	6.5	6.2	7.8	9.3	**9.3**	-7.0	***0.0***	-19.8
Unemployment Rate		5.9	6.1	6.6	6.3	7.3	8.5	**8.6**	-4.5	***1.1***	-21.3
Regular State Unemployment Benefits											
Recipients		5,744	4,905	5,814	5,890	5,706	7,573	**6,604**	na	***-12.8***	na
Benefits Paid	$	831,507	720,604	842,414	867,857	837,664	1,109,895	**965,228**	na	***-13.1***	na
Construction		Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)		14,656	14,656	14,656	14,656	14,656	14,254	**14,790**	4.8	***3.7***	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)											
Residential		9.3	8.1	15.9	4.6	4.9	6.8	**5.8**	-31.0	***-14.8***	-13.2
Non-Residential		3.5	5.5	11.0	5.5	16.2	3.6	**4.4**	-68.2	***22.2***	46.3
Number Of Construction Contracts		150	173	492	84	107	171	**74**	-57.3	***-56.8***	-25.0
FHLB Constraction Loans ($ Mil)		Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Construction											
Condominium	$	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
1-to-4 Unit	$	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.9	**0.1**	-66.7	***-88.9***	na
5 or More	$	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Non-Residential	$	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.0	**0.0**	-100.0	***0.0***	na
Purchases											
Single (New)	$	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	**0.1**	-50.0	***-50.0***	na
Family (Other)	$	1.9	1.1	0.8	1.2	0.3	0.3	**0.4**	-42.9	***33.3***	na
2-to-4 Unit	$	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	**0.1**	0.0	***0.0***	na
5 or More	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	0.0	**0.0**	-100.0	***0.0***	na
Non-Residential	$	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	-100.0	***0.0***	na
Other											
Land Loans	$	1.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	**0.0**	-100.0	***0.0***	na
Refinancing	$	2.6	1.5	1.9	3.1	1.7	2.8	**0.7**	-80.0	***-75.0***	na
All Other	$	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.4	1.0	**0.7**	40.0	***-30.0***	na
Total Loans Closed	$	10.4	4.5	4.6	5.9	6.6	5.2	**2.1**	-67.2	***-59.7***	-44.9
Loans in Process	$	7.7	7.4	6.6	6.1	4.8	4.9	**4.5**	-64.0	***-8.2***	na
General Business Activity		Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Airline Cargo		22,000	30,000	26,000	27,333	30,704	20,824	**32,000**	-5.9	***53.6***	-30.5
Airline Passenger Boardings											
Enplaned		9.544	10,598	10,124	9,461	10,352	9,810	**10,469**	10.5	***6.7***	7.7
Deplaned		9,214	10,442	10,552	9,282	10,267	9,181	**na**	na	***na***	na
Telephone Lines (000)		185.2	185.5	185.3	18.5	183.9	184.3	**184.6**	16.7	***0.1***	na
Welfare Activity		Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Aid To Dependent Children											
Total Assistance Payments											
Persons											
Food Stamp Information											
Coupon Value											
Recipients											
Medicaid Information		The series has been temporarily suspended to verify the data, and to avoid Federal sanctions.									
Claims											
Benefits Paid											
Inpatient - General Hospital											
ICF Mental											
ICF I Services											
Physicians											
Drugs											
Support Enforcement Services		Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
New Applications Received											
Number of Cases that Paid		The series has been temporarily suspended to verify the data, and to avoid Federal sanctions.									
Amount Collected											
Average Amount per Case											
Gas Activity Report • MCF		Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	**Jan 85**			
Field Intake		27,535,916	27,924,549	26,578,464	27,217,624	26,146,289	26,307,166	**24,386,322**	-16.5	***-7.4***	-10.1
Pipeline & Other Intake		24,708,209	20,788,240	18,597,463	21,997,369	12,457,050	16,258,759	**20,769,127**	-3.7	***27.7***	-5.3
Sales to Pipelines		45,040,045	42,471,333	38,706,371	42,560,228	32,765,946	36,670,681	**39,495,427**	-10.3	***7.7***	-8.3
Sales to City Gates & Industrials		41,750	38,694	41,422	39,346	38,396	43,448	**49,862**	-46.6	***14.7***	-39.1
Return to Field		1,048,970	797,865	802,470	800,858	924,284	953,382	**990,510**	1.7	***3.8***	1.9
Returned for Gas Lift		1,015,363	806,698	1,281,080	1,310,440	828,167	819,614	**777,982**	-31.3	***-5.1***	-14.5
Returned to Reservoir		1,284,921	1,263,003	1,281,080	1,310,443	1,336,384	1,037,722	**1,264,820**	13.0	***21.8***	1.6
Vented		59,181	52,373	52,208	44,033	35,639	33,040	**29,296**	-31.0	***-11.4***	-32.1
Plant Fuel		1,746,099	1,578,932	1,537,160	1,430,590	1,213,980	1,260,237	**1,107,692**	-29.7	***-12.2***	-1.1
Shrinkage and Other		2,008,068	1,703,891	1,796,585	1,911,629	1,460,543	1,747,537	**1,439,860**	-20.9	***-17.7***	-11.4
Beer Sales Information		Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	**Jan 85**			
Number of Cases Sold		197,840	218,899	170,277	192,856	153,257	194,195	**139,841**	5.0	***-28.0***	-0.6
State Excise Tax Revenue	$	21,762	24,079	18,730	21,214	16,858	21,361	**15,383**	5.0	***-28.0***	-0.6

Economic Indicators: Lafayette Area

Per Cent Change

Revenue Collections	$	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Retail Sales Tax - State		4,197,601	4,668,881	4,632,224	5,468,215	4,291,796	5,421,703	**3,928,177**	29.4	***-27.6***	30.2
Severence Tax		444,397	474,456	406,672	397,398	427,596	366,167	**687,105**	22.8	***87.6***	23.4
Minimum Royalty		4,182	4,200	8,466	5,136	17,867	4,156	**4,846**	na	***16.6***	na

New Car Sales	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Buick	48	64	46	40	68	38	47	37	32	55	27	**42**	-25.0	***55.5***	-3.9
Cadillac	29	38	35	29	34	36	38	30	25	43	26	**32**	68.4	***23.0***	14.4
Chevrolet	109	115	85	85	86	71	92	88	63	96	62	**93**	-10.6	***50.0***	12.7
Chrysler	13	20	30	23	30	18	26	23	29	27	16	**36**	16.1	***125.0***	1.3
Datsun	44	50	77	79	65	42	34	67	na	na	na	**75**	78.5	***-100.7***	na
Dodge	24	18	22	17	30	33	44	28	18	20	20	**22**	22.2	***10.0***	58.2
Ford	72	132	93	88	77	71	104	77	84	125	70	**93**	-8.0	***32.8***	15.2
Honda	34	39	36	24	38	19	20	19	25	39	19	**22**	15.7	***15.7***	35.2
Lincoln	20	14	22	31	13	16	22	19	29	35	20	**19**	-13.7	***-5.0***	38.2
Mazda	18	17	34	14	26	240	21	28	14	17	18	**16**	-27.3	***-11.2***	57.4
Mercury	25	34	34	31	43	30	30	38	38	32	36	**29**	-6.5	***-19.5***	23.4
Oldsmobile	72	57	57	65	67	43	35	37	45	45	52	**54**	-8.5	***3.8***	-9.5
Plymouth	4	12	13	9	6	9	8	36	17	23	24	**26**	160.0	***8.3***	38.5
Pontiac	69	61	65	60	66	50	60	41	53	31	43	**49**	-22.3	***13.9***	24.1
Renault	0	0	0	0	14	6	17	11	7	2	4	**9**	0.0	***125.0***	na
Toyota	23	27	31	28	41	21	28	26	25	27	24	**23**	0.0	***-4.2***	7.6
Volkswagen	25	30	17	15	9	15	14	15	6	15	6	**13**	1,200.0	***116.6***	36.3
Volvo	23	18	16	14	12	6	7	9	18	16	16	**13**	-35.0	***-18.8***	9.0
Other	62	75	46	47	46	43	53	35	80	124	94	**55**	161.9	***-41.5***	58.3
Total Car Sales	714	821	759	699	771	807	700	664	608	772	577	**721**	8.9	***24.9***	15.9

New Truck Sales	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Chevrolet	123	146	104	119	113	80	118	91	89	100	79	**2**	-98.3	***-97.5***	0.2
Datsun	27	30	24	21	16	12	41	50	na	na	na	**49**	206.2	***-100.4***	na
Dodge	61	51	60	52	45	41	60	42	43	67	58	**79**	79.5	***36.2***	65.9
Ford	86	105	121	96	81	92	98	77	58	98	47	**101**	21.6	***114.8***	7.2
GMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**28**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Mazda	10	32	47	31	35	24	28	9	18	38	20	**78**	254.5	***290.0***	93.7
Toyota	18	23	20	24	29	32	34	27	23	30	21	**34**	78.9	***61.9***	117.2
Other	19	9	21	17	19	16	24	35	62	100	76	**30**	42.8	***-60.6***	315.5
Total Truck Sales	344	396	397	360	338	297	403	331	293	433	301	**401**	25.3	***33.2***	32.9

Economic Indicators: Lake Charles Area Per Cent Change

								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Employment & Wage Statistics	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	75.5	75.2	74.9	74.4	74.1	76.4	**75.4**	-2.8	***-1.4***	-3.7
Total Employed (000)	65.4	65.1	64.8	64.8	64.7	64.6	**63.7**	-2.8	***-1.4***	-2.8
Total Unemployed (000)	10.1	10.1	10.1	9.6	9.4	11.8	**11.7**	-2.5	***-0.9***	-8.9
Unemployment Rate	13.4	13.4	13.5	12.9	12.6	15.5	**15.5**	0.0	***0.0***	-5.7
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Number of Recipients	11,613	9,917	10,997	10,824	10,446	15,890	**13,739**	na	***-13.6***	na
Benefits Paid	$ 1,786,237	1,520,495	1,655,584	1,597,726	1,565,542	2,477,721	**2,111,562**	na	***-14.8***	na
Construction	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)	17,079	17,490	17,490	17,461	17,461	17,590	**22,365**	82.1	***27.1***	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)										
Residential	3.2	2.0	1.8	1.6	2.1	0.9	**1.5**	-37.5	***66.6***	-33.9
Non-Residential	1.2	1.9	1.4	1.5	0.4	2.4	**0.8**	-83.7	***-66.7***	-24.7
Number Of Construction Contracts	62	42	39	34	24	25	**34**	-27.7	***36.0***	-37.5
Gas Activity Report • MCF	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	**Jan 85**			
Field Intake	4,358,743	4,593,141	3,678,127	4,492,260	3,726,801	4,023,725	**4,354,359**	8.8	***8.2***	-39.6
Pipeline & other intake	9,886,032	9,246,960	9,514,838	9,687,563	8,821,859	10,257,148	**9,659,499**	-8.4	***-5.9***	44.7
Sales to Pipelines	8,126,182	7,867,786	6,821,065	7,908,807	6,908,433	7,675,317	**7,391,574**	-12.3	***-3.7***	-1.2
Sales to City Gates & Industrials	4,760,628	4,829,003	5,125,123	4,922,594	4,617,098	5,326,557	**5,372,977**	9.1	***0.8***	4.7
Return to Field	5,707	5,906	8,848	7,796	5,172	8,145	**8,228**	-13.1	***1.0***	-40.5
Returned for Gas Lift	333,394	180,492	249,690	275,624	18,148	184,949	**184,949**	-14.8	***0.0***	-15.9
Returned to Reservoir	14,254	11,353	59,907	88,877	118,937	119,424	**119,424**	1,524.8	***0.0***	133.6
Vented	61,910	47,517	49,435	47,283	31,531	45,974	**46,010**	-52.5	***0.0***	25.6
Plant Fuel	302,224	285,262	287,236	290,481	241,176	267,403	**263,120**	-9.5	***-1.7***	3.6
Shrinkage and Other	640,476	612,782	591,661	638,361	608,165	653,194	**627,576**	8.5	***-4.0***	-3.5
Beer Sales Information	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	**Jan 85**			
Number of Cases Sold	177,420	198,122	132,765	164,781	145,196	152,156	**120,900**	-0.8	***-20.6***	-4.8
State Excise Tax Revenue	$ 19,516	21,793	14,604	18,126	15,972	16,737	**13,299**	-0.8	***-20.6***	-4.8
General Business Activity	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Airline Cargo	16,000	18,000	18,000	18,800	18,800	16,400	**17,300**	23.5	***5.4***	16.8
Airline Passenger Boardings	4,000	4,000	4,000	3,000	3,200	2,900	**3,200**	-20.0	***10.3***	15.5
Telephone Lines (000)	93.6	93.8	93.6	93.4	93.0	92.9	**92.9**	-21.2	***0.0***	na
Lake Charles Port Activity	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Port Shipments (000 Tons)										
Imports	88.0	206.3	79.9	101.0	103.2	112.9	**183.4**	na	***62.4***	na
Exports	226.0	302.5	330.4	188.5	149.1	213.4	**316.3**	na	***48.2***	na
Private Facilities (000 Tons)										
Imports	710.2	521.6	1,022.9	776.7	593.1	761.0	**1,179.4**	na	***54.9***	na
Exports	488.7	574.1	527.9	492.9	395.3	411.8	**531.3**	na	***28.9***	na
Welfare Activity	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Aid To Dependent Children										
Total Assistance Payments										
Persons										
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value										
Recipients										
Medicaid Information	The series has been temporarily suspended to verify the data, and to avoid Federal sanctions.									
Claims										
Benefits Paid										
Inpatient - General Hospital										
ICF Mental										
ICF I Services										
Physicians										
Drugs										
Support Enforcement Services	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
New Applications Received										
Number of Cases that Paid	The series has been temporarily suspended to verify the data, and to avoid Federal sanctions.									
Amount Collected										
Average Amount per Case										
Revenue Collections $	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Retail Sales Tax - State	2,438,971	2,737,214	2,511,655	2,656,514	2,574,022	3,127,796	**2,065,687**	30.2	***-34.0***	22.4
Severence Tax	1,298,482	1,009,448	2,207,101	1,700,528	1,263,145	1,738,085	**1,800,427**	3.1	***3.5***	17.2
Minimum Royalty	21,157	26,228	18,178	16,722	20,518	18,652	**12,648**	na	***-32.2***	na

Economic Indicators: Lake Charles Area — Per Cent Change

													Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
													Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
New Car Sales	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Buick	52	40	77	53	32	37	37	26	34	38	31	**34**	-37.1	***9.6***	-15.4
Cadillac	6	17	11	11	15	17	10	11	10	8	7	**5**	-37.5	***-28.6***	-15.3
Chevrolet	109	104	90	89	85	61	85	75	75	67	46	**67**	-31.0	***45.6***	-3.4
Chrysler	0	2	3	3	3	2	2	5	11	22	14	**20**	0.0	***42.8***	na
Datsun	41	43	51	58	59	28	38	48	na	na	na	**51**	59.3	***-100.5***	na
Dodge	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	6	17	30	26	**21**	0.0	***-19.3***	na
Ford	74	99	83	65	87	65	62	55	45	79	55	**85**	11.8	***54.5***	24.4
Honda	22	18	20	24	27	12	18	14	16	19	27	**14**	-56.3	***-48.2***	10.5
Lincoln	16	16	19	8	17	14	20	21	14	14	9	**12**	-7.7	***33.3***	37.4
Mazda	5	3	5	5	8	6	8	6	3	5	9	**3**	-50.0	***-66.7***	-16.5
Mercury	22	43	25	27	29	37	32	29	20	19	27	**23**	-25.9	***-14.9***	20.2
Oldsmobile	65	85	69	57	68	57	48	41	30	55	42	**47**	-26.6	***11.9***	-19.8
Plymouth	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	9	8	10	14	**24**	0.0	***71.4***	na
Pontiac	58	71	95	48	71	65	76	55	27	50	64	**67**	-23.0	***4.6***	-1.5
Renault	6	8	6	9	5	7	18	10	4	5	3	**12**	0.0	***300.0***	66.0
Toyota	17	17	11	23	27	18	31	27	16	30	18	**22**	144.4	***22.2***	19.5
Volkswagen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Volvo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Other	11	14	14	17	16	17	20	12	36	84	77	**12**	100.0	***-84.5***	148.1
Total Car Sales	504	584	580	499	549	444	505	450	366	535	469	**519**	-1.6	***10.6***	6.0
New Truck Sales	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Chevrolet	97	90	89	82	99	71	84	63	64	78	50	**84**	-16.9	***68.0***	-10.3
Datsun	17	23	32	22	17	18	32	30	na	na	na	**39**	8.3	***-100.3***	na
Dodge	1	8	9	3	3	4	13	17	30	65	41	**61**	0.0	***48.7***	na
Ford	100	121	88	80	83	72	81	70	66	68	49	**54**	-39.4	***10.2***	-10.3
GMC	62	86	87	59	83	61	95	87	47	75	39	**76**	18.7	***94.8***	21.2
Mazda	2	4	6	3	8	6	3	5	1	5	13	**7**	-30.0	***-46.2***	18.8
Toyota	11	11	14	20	22	22	26	31	16	38	17	**16**	60.0	***-5.9***	130.1
Other	14	41	24	16	25	25	28	23	69	69	58	**28**	180.0	***-51.8***	160.8
Total Truck Sales	304	384	349	285	340	279	362	326	293	398	267	**365**	14.0	***36.7***	16.8

Economic Indicators: Alexandria Area

Per Cent Change

								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Employment & Wage Statistics	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	79.8	80.0	80.0	79.4	60.7	61.8	**61.8**	10.7	***0.0***	0.1
Total Employed (000)	72.3	72.5	71.9	70.8	55.6	56.0	**55.9**	0.1	***-0.2***	1.1
Total Unemployed (000)	7.5	7.5	8.1	8.6	5.1	5.8	**5.9**	9.2	***1.7***	-13.2
Unemployment Rate	9.4	9.4	10.1	10.8	8.3	9.4	**9.6**	7.8	***2.1***	-12.5
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Recipients	5,564	4,657	5,696	6,064	6,654	8,089	**7,590**	na	***-6.2***	na
Benefits Paid	$ 683,631	602,698	758,106	829,328	938,112	1,113,728	**1,030,128**	na	***-7.6***	na
Construction	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)	71,456	71,456	71,456	70,839	76,826	70,633	**70,343**	1.6	***-0.5***	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)										
Residential	6.5	4.1	3.0	2.8	2.2	2.9	**2.6**	-29.8	***-10.4***	-30.7
Non-Residential	1.8	4.1	5.6	3.1	3.1	4.4	**0.5**	-88.4	***-88.7***	10.2
Number Of Construction Contracts	83	66	66	48	34	45	**47**	-20.4	***4.4***	-34.5
General Business Activity	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Airline Cargo										
Inbound	na	na	na	na	na	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Outbound	8,000	18,000	12,000	5,408	4,937	5,040	**5,591**	-44.1	***10.9***	-86.5
Airline Passenger Boardings										
Enplaned	3,100	3,300	3,300	2,993	3,101	2,731	**3.486**	-5.8	***27.6***	-23.0
Deplaned	na	na	na	3,064	3,450	2,889	**3,622**	na	***25.3***	na
Telephone Lines (000)	99.7	99.7	99.6	99.5	97.0	96.8	**96.9**	-1.7	***0.1***	na
Welfare Activity	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Aid To Dependent Children										
Total Assistance Payments										
Persons										
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value										
Recipients										
Medicaid Information	The series has been temporarily suspended to verify the data, and to avoid Federal sanctions.									
Claims										
Benefits Paid										
Inpatient - General Hospital										
ICF Mental										
ICF I Services										
Physicians										
Drugs										
Support Enforcement Services	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
New Applications Received										
Number of Cases that Paid	The series has been temporarily suspended to verify the data, and to avoid Federal sanctions.									
Amount Collected										
Average Amount per Case										
Beer Sales Information	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	**Jan 85**			
Number of Cases Sold	130,555	137,741	95,041	114,362	105,530	106,036	**44,097**	-47.4	***-58.5***	-0.2
State Excise Tax Revenue	$ 14,361	15,152	10,455	12,580	11,608	11,664	**4,851**	-47.4	***-58.5***	-0.2
Revenue Collections	**$** Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Retail Sales Tax - State	1,684,655	1,738,892	1,664,952	1,585,983	1,609,217	1,965,066	**1,336,737**	33.4	***-32.0***	35.0
Severence Tax	171,315	174,425	112,842	181,141	76,488	242,030	**141,148**	-24.4	***-41.7***	-8.8
Minimum Royalty	1,506	146	84	176	104	144	**88**	na	***-38.9***	na

New Car Sales	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**	Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Buick	44	27	51	27	48	35	23	23	21	55	16	**34**	-12.9	***112.5***	1.5
Cadillac	7	10	15	11	5	12	5	4	12	9	6	**8**	-46.7	***33.3***	-25.8
Chevrolet	71	58	55	54	49	60	53	38	26	64	25	**42**	-23.7	***68.0***	0.8
Chrysler	6	7	14	9	9	5	13	7	4	14	3	**9**	200.0	***200.0***	38.8
Datsun	15	18	29	16	26	12	8	15	na	na	na	**11**	-35.3	***-100.1***	na
Dodge	9	8	9	4	7	9	10	10	5	15	10	**15**	66.6	***50.0***	27.5
Ford	36	59	62	54	59	67	46	50	39	62	60	**51**	-5.6	***-15.0***	0.9
Honda	25	18	23	16	25	13	17	19	16	37	21	**17**	-34.7	***-19.1***	11.7
Lincoln	5	12	19	9	12	8	8	21	8	20	15	**11**	37.5	***-26.7***	45.0
Mazda	11	15	11	13	15	12	14	9	4	10	11	**11**	37.5	***0.0***	-22.3
Mercury	30	42	43	15	23	35	34	30	23	50	33	**38**	35.7	***15.1***	158.8
Oldsmobile	59	80	73	54	45	52	55	29	30	65	65	**31**	-66.7	***-52.4***	-36.6
Plymouth	4	9	6	1	8	10	16	6	2	11	3	**7**	40.0	***133.3***	20.2
Pontiac	32	34	54	32	40	31	46	28	15	49	10	**38**	5.5	***280.0***	-2.2
Renault	6	3	7	10	5	6	6	2	6	3	2	**3**	-62.5	***50.0***	90.3
Toyota	15	11	8	12	14	10	5	19	4	16	12	**9**	50.0	***-25.0***	-29.0
Volkswagen	1	4	5	3	3	5	0	0	1	6	1	**4**	300.0	***300.0***	50.0
Volvo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Other	14	20	13	19	19	15	15	16	25	42	22	**6**	-40.0	***-72.8***	0.4
Total Car Sales	390	435	497	359	412	397	374	326	241	528	315	**345**	-18.1	***9.5***	-4.5

Economic Indicators: Alexandria Area — Per Cent Change

New Truck Sales	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**	Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
													Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Chevrolet	70	42	83	53	56	58	41	45	34	72	34	**53**	0.0	***55.8***	-6.5
Datsun	13	13	22	13	7	6	13	11	na	na	na	**11**	37.5	***-100.1***	na
Dodge	30	14	65	20	25	23	23	14	6	31	18	**29**	-6.5	***61.1***	13.3
Ford	81	98	115	104	94	81	108	67	54	98	69	**62**	-28.8	***-10.2***	-1.7
GMC	14	24	12	14	14	14	17	15	13	18	15	**13**	0.0	***-13.4***	7.6
Mazda	2	16	8	15	8	10	13	13	3	11	12	**6**	-66.7	***-50.0***	-15.3
Toyota	14	15	8	12	7	11	3	12	9	17	12	**7**	-22.3	***-41.7***	-1.6
Other	22	29	32	24	21	39	27	23	25	63	38	**34**	88.8	***-10.6***	92.3
Total Truck Sales	246	251	345	255	232	242	245	200	144	310	198	**215**	-9.3	***8.5***	4.9

The Division has been receiving this data monthly since July, 1984 and has begun publishing the data for the State and the eight MSA's. The remaining four offices in Amite, Tallulah, Natchitoches, & Ville Platte will be published separately in the April, 1985 issue.

State Revenue Collections

The state revenue collections section has been enlarged to include all of the significant revenue categories. The Division appreciates the cooperation from the Departmentof Revenue and Taxation and the Legislative Fiscal Office in sending this data. Although several items could be considered inconsequential and perhaps coalesced into an "All Others" category, the present format shows a comprehensive listing.

Historical Data Series

A complete historical file of all data appearing in the LEI will be available by July 15, 1985. The historical series begins with January, 1976, up to the latest month available. Each year will display the 12 months and a line total as well as the column total whenever applicable. An example of the historical series is shown on page 33. Send a written request to the Division to obtain any historical series.

On page 34 of this issue, a historical series of the monthly consumer price index is presented.

Future Data Series

New data series anticipated for future LEI issues are:

- Commerical Banking Statistics
- Thrift Institution Statistics
- Public Utilities and Electric Cooperatives' Data
- Number and Value of Building Permits

Economic Indicators: Shreveport Area — Per Cent Change

									Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
									Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Employment & Wage Statistics		Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		172.3	174.2	174.4	173.6	158.5	160.4	**159.3**	1.5	***-0.7***	0.4
Total Employed (000)		159.5	161.1	160.7	159.8	146.8	146.5	**145.4**	1.9	***-0.8***	3.7
Average Weekly Manufacturing Earnings	$	402.11	419.89	407.41	434.51	436.96	428.06	**428.90**	-0.5	***0.1***	7.1
Average Weekly Manufacturing Hours		41.2	42.2	40.7	41.5	42.3	42.1	**41.8**	-7.0	***-0.8***	3.1
Total Unemployed (000)		12.8	13.1	13.7	13.8	11.7	13.9	**13.9**	-2.8	***0.0***	-27.6
Unemployment Rate		7.4	7.5	7.9	7.9	7.4	8.7	**8.7**	-4.4	***0.0***	-27.7
Regular State Unemployment Benefits											
Number of Recipients		12,135	10,614	13,253	13,720	13,848	20,462	**18,262**	na	***-10.8***	na
Benefits Paid	$	1,546,245	1,413,081	1,799,152	1,830,672	1,831,571	2,708,051	**2,391,514**	na	***-11.7***	na
Construction		Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)		96,565	97,265	97,265	93,971	101,222	88,357	**90,284**	-4.7	***2.1***	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)											
Residential		16.7	18.3	18.2	13.2	6.3	7.5	**6.2**	-80.0	***-17.4***	-20.2
Non-Residential		44.7	11.6	20.3	9.4	5.9	11.6	**22.9**	275.4	***97.4***	37.2
Number Of Construction Contracts		427	307	231	236	216	130	**108**	-87.9	***-17.0***	-29.9
FHLB Constraction Loans ($ Mil)		Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Construction											
Condominium	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
1-to-4 Unit	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
5 or More	$	0.0	0.0	0.2	6.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	-100.0	***0.0***	na
Non-Residential	$	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.4	**0.4**	300.0	***0.0***	na
Purchases											
Single (New)	$	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.1	**0.2**	0.0	***100.0***	na
Family (Other)	$	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.4	**0.6**	0.0	***50.0***	na
2-to-4 Unit	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
5 or More	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Non-Residential	$	1.5	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.2	**0.2**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Other											
Land Loans	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	**0.0**	-100.0	***-100.0***	na
Refinancing	$	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
All Other	$	0.9	0.4	1.2	1.3	0.4	1.4	**1.7**	325.0	***21.4***	na
Total Loans Closed	$	4.0	1.5	2.8	8.7	1.5	2.9	**3.0**	114.2	***3.4***	-53.1
Loans in Process	$	15.8	14.2	12.4	15.2	13.8	12.3	**10.4**	-14.1	***-15.5***	na
General Business Activity		Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Airline Cargo		2,010,000	2,070,000	2,004,000	2,158,000	3,858,000	2,866,000	**2,896,000**	47.4	***1.0***	36.5
Airline Passenger Boardings		25,000	28,000	25,000	23,600	23,800	22,600	**28,600**	5.9	***26.5***	-10.2
Telephone Lines (000)		193.3	193.5	193.0	193.1	191.9	191.6	**191.6**	0.9	***0.0***	na
Welfare Activity		Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Aid To Dependent Children											
Total Assistance Payments											
Persons											
Food Stamp Information											
Coupon Value											
Recipients											
Medicaid Information		The series has been temporarily suspended to verify the data, and to avoid Federal sanctions.									
Claims											
Benefits Paid											
Inpatient - General Hospital											
ICF Mental											
ICF I Services											
Physicians											
Drugs											
Support Enforcement Services		Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
New Applications Received											
Number of Cases that Paid											
Amount Collected		The series has been temporarily suspended to verify the data, and to avoid Federal sanctions.									
Average Amount per Case											
Gas Activity Report • MCF		Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	**Jan 85**			
Field Intake		13,742,202	12,538,392	11,406,820	11,039,750	9,996,975	12,062,498	**12,312,862**	-13.1	***2.0***	-1.5
Pipeline & Other Intake		1,338,785	1,250,985	1,446,180	1,609,357	1,206,175	1,127,867	**1,163,887**	-23.9	***3.1***	-10.5
Sales to Pipelines		12,575,142	11,686,146	10,842,706	10,508,356	9,123,162	11,054,905	**11,029,125**	-17.6	***-0.3***	-1.5
Sales to City Gates & Industrials		102,551	103,297	81,649	78,638	71,797	68,001	**67,203**	-27.6	***-1.2***	-12.0
Return to Field		73,538	72,352	67,404	77,930	78,658	78,208	**168,786**	18.5	***115.8***	-31.8
Returned for Gas Lift		0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	-100.0	***0.0***	-97.6
Returned to Reservoir		403,912	301,695	329,708	319,163	326,343	338,182	**341,851**	-19.4	***1.0***	-11.3
Vented		286,295	158,549	114,589	92,407	85,030	82,818	**101,717**	-37.3	***22.8***	-55.8
Plant Fuel		767,743	738,362	709,937	747,789	718,161	746,541	**795,540**	5.7	***6.5***	3.2
Shrinkage and Other		871,806	728,976	707,007	824,824	799,999	821,710	**972,527**	34.2	***18.3***	16.0

Economic Indicators: Shreveport Area

Per Cent Change

									Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
									Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Beer Sales Information		Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	**Jan 85**			
Number of Cases Sold		429,718	466,831	315,629	378,573	341,219	343,389	**277,677**	-4.7	***-19.2***	1.1
State Excise Tax Revenue	$	47,269	51,352	34,720	41,643	37,534	37,773	**30,544**	-4.7	***-19.2***	1.1
Revenue Collections	**$**	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Retail Sales Tax - State		5,997,536	6,536,771	4,855,147	5,973,699	5,803,476	7,210,482	**5,202,108**	33.2	***-27.9***	25.4
Severence Tax		2,623,378	3,340,655	2,087,830	2,734,509	1,870,841	2,247,264	**2,513,978**	-4.7	***11.8***	-11.8
Minimum Royalty		104,308	107,165	104,688	108,280	129,225	97,545	**92,399**	na	***-5.3***	na

New Car Sales	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Buick	112	117	112	104	165	83	82	66	62	131	54	**83**	9.2	***53.7***	12.8
Cadillac	42	46	42	40	58	39	31	35	34	29	35	**44**	2.3	***25.7***	-19.3
Chevrolet	174	183	207	195	180	163	198	112	103	210	114	**206**	-7.3	***80.7***	3.7
Chrysler	40	43	50	37	49	34	41	30	26	47	37	**55**	41.0	***48.6***	9.6
Datsun	34	30	45	47	49	32	17	47	na	na	na	**33**	3.1	***-100.3***	na
Dodge	33	34	36	26	26	22	42	31	18	44	40	**32**	45.4	***-20.0***	6.0
Ford	166	137	231	142	131	124	232	210	187	159	135	**156**	6.8	***15.5***	-6.1
Honda	48	29	33	16	43	17	31	26	21	36	19	**19**	-40.7	***0.0***	-1.8
Lincoln	33	52	40	28	45	75	83	44	27	56	20	**23**	-75.8	***15.0***	3.3
Mazda	21	15	15	28	14	27	29	16	15	26	18	**24**	0.0	***33.3***	-11.8
Mercury	82	110	88	70	88	75	98	65	56	73	49	**53**	-44.8	***8.1***	-1.0
Oldsmobile	162	244	225	171	164	139	125	123	104	158	114	**149**	-35.5	***30.7***	-16.2
Plymouth	21	27	26	23	19	15	24	13	17	26	41	**83**	315.0	***102.4***	80.1
Pontiac	89	116	139	91	130	97	127	85	55	109	70	**112**	3.7	***60.0***	7.2
Renault	16	20	23	22	18	12	13	20	10	8	12	**4**	-75.0	***-66.7***	-5.4
Toyota	34	43	35	47	66	22	50	43	30	31	33	**35**	133.3	***6.0***	-22.3
Volkswagen	15	12	8	6	6	14	7	7	10	12	7	**9**	-10.0	***28.5***	18.9
Volvo	3	6	6	16	6	2	2	3	6	9	4	**7**	-12.5	***75.0***	-24.8
Other	62	57	51	43	30	30	45	50	72	101	61	**54**	22.7	***-11.5***	2.8
Total Car Sales	1,187	1,321	1,412	1,152	1,287	1,022	1,277	1,026	853	1,265	863	**1,181**	-7.7	***36.8***	-3.1

New Truck Sales	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Chevrolet	180	213	178	143	153	151	167	130	106	151	77	**164**	17.9	***112.9***	-3.9
Datsun	11	20	19	16	8	11	7	8	na	na	na	**26**	85.7	***-100.2***	na
Dodge	71	49	76	76	56	46	74	54	44	67	54	**78**	20.0	***44.4***	21.7
Ford	198	210	216	160	189	160	194	196	122	164	153	**136**	-35.3	***-11.2***	8.4
GMC	29	26	29	30	25	23	26	16	16	18	22	**26**	23.8	***18.1***	0.3
Mazda	19	14	19	20	16	22	20	6	12	18	12	**22**	15.7	***83.3***	13.6
Toyota	22	28	31	21	27	24	24	16	24	38	21	**28**	300.0	***33.3***	59.1
Other	53	61	76	45	65	65	63	53	46	89	82	**56**	-40.5	***-31.8***	28.4
Total Truck Sales	583	621	644	511	539	502	575	479	370	545	421	**536**	-5.8	***27.3***	8.4

Economic Indicators: Monroe Area Per Cent Change

									Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
									Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Employment & Wage Statistics		Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		60.7	59.5	60.1	60.2	61.1	60.3	**61.8**	-1.3	***2.4***	0.1
Total Employed (000)		55.1	54.0	54.2	54.3	55.8	54.0	**55.3**	-1.7	***2.4***	1.6
Total Unemployed (000)		5.6	5.5	5.9	5.9	5.3	6.3	**6.5**	1.5	***3.1***	-12.0
Unemployment Rate		9.2	9.2	9.8	9.8	8.7	10.4	**10.6**	3.9	***1.9***	-11.5
Regular State Unemployment Benefits											
Recipients		7,669	6,168	7,204	6,824	6,743	9,635	**8,834**	na	***-8.4***	na
Benefits Paid	$	995,320	797,361	951,144	878,329	858,248	1,220,606	**1,123,377**	na	***-8.0***	na
Construction		Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)		22,681	21,070	21,070	21,070	22,381	21,695	**21,695**	-0.5	***0.0***	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)		7.4	19.4	8.5	20.3	16.1	4.7	**7.6**	80.9	***61.7***	25.1
Residential		4.7	4.4	6.3	2.5	9.7	2.2	**4.3**	34.3	***95.4***	20.9
Non-Residential		2.7	15.0	2.2	17.8	6.4	2.5	**3.3**	230.0	***32.0***	28.7
Number Of Construction Contracts		71	78	121	43	206	39	**51**	-23.9	***30.7***	7.2
FHLB Constraction Loans ($ Mil)		Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Construction											
Condominium	$	0.0	10.2	3.8	0.0	4.4	4.8	**0.0**	0.0	***-100.0***	na
1-to-4 Unit	$	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	**0.0**	-100.0	***0.0***	na
5 or More	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	-100.0	***0.0***	na
Non-Residential	$	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	-100.0	***0.0***	na
Purchases											
Single (New)	$	1.0	0.7	0.5	1.3	1.1	1.0	**1.8**	-30.8	***80.0***	na
Family (Other)	$	1.6	1.4	1.9	3.4	3.3	2.7	**4.8**	37.1	***77.7***	na
2-to-4 Unit	$	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.5	0.3	**0.8**	300.0	***166.6***	na
5 or More	$	0.2	0.0	2.9	0.0	1.4	0.6	**0.0**	0.0	***-100.0***	na
Non-Residential	$	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.3	**0.6**	500.0	***100.0***	na
Other											
Land Loans	$	1.2	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.2	**0.0**	0.0	***-100.0***	na
Refinancing	$	0.8	1.3	0.5	0.6	0.5	1.0	**1.4**	-22.3	***40.0***	na
All Other	$	3.7	0.7	1.6	0.0	0.1	0.5	**0.4**	-83.4	***-20.0***	na
Total Loans Closed	$	8.8	16.1	11.7	6.6	11.4	21.4	**10.0**	-69.5	***-53.3***	na
Loans in Process	$	35.9	33.0	29.3	25.7	23.9	32.9	**18.3**	-46.1	***-44.4***	na
Gas Activity Report • MCF		Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	**Jan 85**			
Field Intake		627,420	673,518	668,056	704,619	688,505	695,251	**657,492**	-3.9	***-5.5***	0.5
Pipeline & Other Intake		307,721	309,507	36,693	27,501	21,233	26,959	**18,767**	-92.7	***-30.4***	18.1
Sales to Pipelines		339,373	328,525	23,804	19,111	11,340	21,159	**17,873**	-92.4	***-15.6***	18.5
Sales to City Gates & Industrials		0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Return to Field		28,414	26,078	26,671	26,565	25,660	25,899	**23,844**	-69.1	***-8.0***	-47.4
Returned for Gas Lift		380,706	387,798	379,433	390,521	379,479	382,812	**370,242**	-15.9	***-3.3***	-7.2
Returned to Reservoir		72,416	119,879	166,417	183,353	176,211	175,131	**162,562**	146.7	***-7.2***	137.5
Vented		4,784	6,298	0	0	0	0	**0**	-100.0	***0.0***	-34.9
Plant Fuel		69,995	69,266	61,230	63,493	62,307	64,435	**61,997**	-14.3	***-3.8***	-1.1
Shrinkage and Other		39,453	45,181	47,194	49,077	54,741	52,774	**39,741**	-16.7	***-24.7***	-10.1
Beer Sales Information		Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	**Jan 85**			
Number of Cases Sold		154,701	171,733	123,111	138,621	131,723	135,832	**106,449**	-1.4	***-21.7***	0.0
State Excise Tax Revenue	$	17,017	18,891	13,542	15,248	14,490	14,941	**11,710**	-1.4	***-21.7***	0.0
General Business Activity		Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Airline Cargo		28,000	30,000	16,000	17,124	21,487	29,119	**28,000**	-26.4	***-3.9***	-28.1
Airline Passenger Boardings		7,000	8,000	7,000	14,900	13,700	12,000	**8,000**	0.0	***-33.4***	16.4
Telephone Lines (000)		130.2	130.4	130.1	130.1	127.6	127.9	**128.2**	-0.4	***0.2***	na
Welfare Activity		Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Aid To Dependent Children											
Total Assistance Payments											
Persons											
Food Stamp Information											
Coupon Value											
Recipients											
Medicaid Information											
Claims											
Benefits Paid											
Inpatient - General Hospital											
ICF Mental											
ICF I Services											
Physicians											
Drugs											

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Support Enforcement Services	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**
New Applications Received							
Number of Cases that Paid							
Amount Collected							
Average Amount per Case							

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Economic Indicators: Monroe Area — Per Cent Change

Revenue Collections $	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: **Prior Month**	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Retail Sales Tax - State	3,598,562	3,523,979	2,860,474	2,684,378	2,930,091	3,725,520	**2,409,663**	40.9	***-35.4***	40.8
Severence Tax	256,826	156,869	161,774	191,501	31,722	243,600	**202,373**	-20.6	***-17.0***	-11.1
Minimum Royalty	1,561	104	3,043	29,685	2,809	2.947	**7,538**	na	***155.7***	na

New Car Sales	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: **Prior Month**	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Buick	61	63	49	40	65	40	39	36	34	41	33	**25**	-39.1	***-24.3***	-24.6
Cadillac	22	23	16	27	20	14	14	17	14	30	15	**17**	13.3	***13.3***	-1.3
Chevrolet	45	63	53	36	45	49	63	42	40	69	39	**37**	-26.0	***-5.2***	-11.8
Chrysler	9	24	21	14	15	17	20	17	14	17	16	**23**	228.5	***43.7***	86.4
Datsun	21	19	19	20	19	21	18	21	na	na	na	**20**	53.8	***-100.2***	na
Dodge	9	16	16	17	12	13	15	30	7	26	26	**31**	158.3	***19.2***	150.5
Ford	62	73	61	60	54	41	78	50	47	93	44	**78**	18.1	***77.2***	26.2
Honda	35	29	30	35	42	15	30	43	29	43	21	**19**	-13.7	***-9.6***	35.4
Lincoln	14	16	23	19	12	20	25	17	19	20	12	**25**	177.7	***108.3***	43.2
Mazda	22	19	22	18	17	19	29	21	13	19	9	**24**	100.0	***166.6***	-8.7
Mercury	26	44	34	33	52	40	40	32	33	32	10	**35**	118.7	***250.0***	32.1
Oldsmobile	95	65	92	72	67	54	58	67	39	74	35	**77**	-30.0	***120.0***	-21.9
Plymouth	1	10	5	6	7	9	11	15	9	13	11	**16**	128.5	***45.4***	253.1
Pontiac	34	43	56	43	45	36	31	39	21	45	28	**41**	51.8	***46.4***	63.2
Renault	3	0	0	0	2	2	1	3	1	1	2	**5**	400.0	***150.0***	-57.5
Toyota	18	14	31	27	30	25	31	29	30	43	26	**33**	83.3	***26.9***	35.3
Volkswagen	3	8	10	5	4	2	3	0	9	4	5	**3**	0.0	***-40.0***	107.4
Volvo	9	13	15	5	13	6	9	8	4	11	6	**6**	-40.0	***0.0***	22.0
Other	19	28	18	13	19	10	21	13	30	43	25	**25**	92.3	***0.0***	77.1
Total Car Sales	508	570	571	490	540	433	536	500	393	624	363	**540**	19.4	***48.7***	8.9
New Truck Sales	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Chevrolet	57	83	68	71	60	71	96	62	63	100	62	**99**	83.3	***59.6***	11.7
Datsun	15	11	14	7	5	3	13	10	na	na	na	**8**	-53.0	***-100.0***	na
Dodge	20	28	24	29	19	21	20	24	18	34	20	**30**	87.5	***50.0***	127.7
Ford	90	96	104	106	84	67	126	75	50	117	57	**92**	5.7	***61.4***	33.5
GMC	29	45	38	21	47	26	43	28	23	26	27	**44**	22.2	***62.9***	-6.4
Mazda	27	26	30	15	27	28	30	19	14	24	20	**25**	108.3	***25.0***	6.7
Toyota	19	10	21	13	16	15	10	17	17	28	11	**29**	141.6	***163.6***	42.0
Other	21	19	36	21	25	18	35	16	36	51	41	**20**	-46.0	***-51.3***	5.6
Total Truck Sales	278	318	335	283	283	249	373	251	221	380	238	**347**	28.0	***45.7***	17.8

Economic Indicators: Houma Area

								Per Cent Change		
								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Employement & Wage Statistics	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	na	na	na	na	84.6	85.2	**84.2**	-0.5	***-1.2***	na
Total Employed (000)	na	na	na	na	76.7	75.5	**74.7**	0.5	***-1.1***	na
Total Unemployed (000)	na	na	na	na	8.0	9.7	**9.5**	-7.8	***-2.1***	na
Unemployment Rate	na	na	na	na	9.4	11.3	**11.3**	-7.4	***0.0***	na
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Recipients	7,806	6,506	7,083	8,345	7,887	11,414	**10,303**	na	***-9.8***	na
Benefits Paid	$ 1,119,082	954,102	1,041,816	1,318,060	1,229,085	1,733,737	**1,528,514**	na	***-11.9***	na
Construction	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)	36,314	84,405	84,405	85,079	60,995	59,030	**32,368**	216.8	***-45.2***	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)										
Residential	4.3	4.0	4.9	2.9	1.8	1.6	**2.2**	-46.4	***37.5***	650.0
Non-Residential	8.5	0.2	0.9	0.7	3.8	8.1	**0.3**	-87.5	***-96.3***	740.0
Number Of Construction Contracts	112	59	58	33	53	41	**36**	-46.3	***-12.2***	768.7
Gas Activity Report • MCF	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	**Jan 85**			
Field Intake	10,094,198	9,889,128	9,343,631	8,582,031	8,263,045	9,023,574	**9,289,013**	-15.6	***2.9***	-14.3
Pipeline & Other Intake	11,598,780	12,039,533	10,270,890	11,338,340	10,614,505	10,066,170	**10,896,414**	-9.9	***8.2***	7.2
Sales to Pipelines	19,654,666	20,000,198	17,623,175	18,338,340	16,745,226	16,900,670	**17,939,923**	-14.9	***6.1***	-5.0
Sales to City Gates & Industrials	612	1,106	9,585	24,879	48,452	40,498	**83,931**	-71.5	***107.2***	-71.2
Return to Field	552,049	485,102	504,516	194,103	504,984	708,722	**688,916**	231.0	***-2.8***	308.8
Returned for Gas Lift	249,194	258,423	264,555	276,525	266,779	209,743	**196,373**	-26.9	***-6.4***	-26.6
Returned to Reservoir	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Vented	1,241	514	1,105	405	1,043	1,363	**1,577**	-85.6	***15.7***	-89.3
Plant Fuel	459,757	414,973	418,339	412,893	498,569	455,517	**494,903**	11.5	***8.6***	2.9
Shrinkage and Other	775,459	768,345	793,246	760,556	812,497	773,231	**779,804**	-2.0	***0.8***	8.5
Beer Sales Information	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	**Jan 85**			
Number of Cases Sold	199,109	227,954	163,066	207,212	180,503	187,016	**142,896**	3.9	***-23.6***	-1.9
State Excise Tax Revenue	$ 21,902	25,075	17,937	22,793	19,856	20,572	**15,719**	3.9	***-23.6***	-1.9
Welfare Activity	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Aid To Dependent Children										
Total Assistance Payments										
Persons										
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value										
Recipients	The series has been temporarily suspended to verify the data, and to avoid Federal sanctions.									
Medicaid Information										
Claims										
Benefits Paid										
Inpatient - General Hospital										
ICF Mental										
ICF I Services										
Physicians										
Drugs										
Support Enforcement Services	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
New Applications Received										
Number of Cases that Paid										
Amount Collected	The series has been temporarily suspended to verify the data, and to avoid Federal sanctions.									
Average Amount per Case										
Revenue Collections $	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Retail Sales Tax - State	1,774,938	1,943,065	1,996,692	1,843,016	1,811,145	2,208,848	**1,601,021**	96.1	***-27.6***	25.8
Severence Tax	8,987,124	8,424,101	7,596,784	6,490,737	9,015,300	8,453,693	**8,532,971**	-30.1	***0.9***	-12.8
Minimum Royalty	6,313,861	5,574,810	6,219,336	5,992,332	9,289,882	5,951,421	**6,616,378**	na	***11.1***	na

New Car Sales	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**	Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Buick	71	60	70	52	72	38	47	45	29	58	26	**41**	-31.7	***57.6***	-0.2
Cadillac	16	13	8	7	18	7	13	12	9	20	10	**14**	133.3	***40.0***	-2.0
Chevrolet	79	82	71	64	58	68	69	49	45	73	47	**62**	-20.6	***31.9***	5.2
Chrysler	12	17	24	21	16	17	15	19	14	16	11	**17**	54.5	***54.5***	25.9
Datsun	21	15	24	25	22	22	13	12	na	na	na	**13**	-41.0	***-100.1***	na
Dodge	11	21	53	21	31	16	16	17	17	15	20	**23**	91.6	***15.0***	-14.8
Ford	53	73	62	50	42	62	52	50	49	47	51	**78**	39.2	***52.9***	16.7
Honda	32	38	34	31	44	24	32	17	33	46	33	**11**	-59.3	***-66.7***	80.2
Lincoln	9	10	13	9	4	11	18	12	11	15	11	**14**	100.0	***27.2***	35.6
Mazda	5	7	4	5	7	6	3	5	2	3	9	**4**	-42.9	***-55.6***	7.1
Mercury	24	27	24	23	27	28	39	23	18	28	35	**40**	122.2	***14.2***	26.7
Oldsmobile	59	90	67	52	64	41	36	36	43	66	52	**51**	-37.1	***-2.0***	-18.6
Plymouth	8	10	14	18	12	10	12	11	4	17	15	**15**	7.1	***0.0***	30.3
Pontiac	35	33	40	35	54	25	33	33	40	38	20	**38**	11.7	***90.0***	5.2
Renault	3	7	13	8	4	0	7	1	1	1	5	**3**	0.0	***-40.0***	120.8
Toyota	16	30	37	30	40	28	42	20	27	23	25	**19**	58.3	***-24.0***	26.2
Volkswagen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Volvo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Other	10	20	12	13	13	7	8	6	25	27	20	**21**	133.3	***5.0***	225.0
Total Car Sales	464	553	570	464	528	410	455	368	367	493	390	**464**	1.5	***18.9***	7.0

Economic Indicators: Houma Area — Per Cent Change

													Latest Month		Latest 12 Months
New Truck Sales	Apr 84	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**	Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	Compared With Prior 12 Months
Chevrolet	55	118	72	71	70	54	72	81	41	66	53	**71**	16.3	***33.9***	17.3
Datsun	12	12	12	14	11	7	9	12	na	na	na	**13**	-38.1	***-100.1***	na
Dodge	71	50	65	64	40	38	59	50	49	58	66	**81**	37.2	***22.7***	15.9
Ford	70	74	93	69	69	52	70	75	58	63	57	**74**	15.6	***29.8***	3.5
GMC	33	40	28	23	32	24	19	27	24	40	29	**21**	-19.3	***-27.6***	-2.1
Mazda	5	2	7	2	3	9	4	4	4	3	1	**4**	33.3	***300.0***	54.8
Toyota	11	16	27	16	20	15	22	10	18	27	8	**15**	15.3	***87.5***	105.0
Other	12	19	29	20	26	19	30	13	34	44	48	**30**	130.7	***-37.5***	189.2
Total Truck Sales	269	331	333	279	271	218	285	272	228	301	262	**309**	18.8	***17.9***	17.0

Louisiana State Sales Tax Collections By Parishes

Per Cent Change

Parish	Population	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Acadia	59,369	461,428	556,297	513,699	463,791	497,783	584,071	**455,772**	49.5	*-22.0*	24.0
Allen	21,739	81,850	122,979	101,523	83,755	90,091	111,443	**64,056**	25.2	*-42.6*	31.3
Ascension	54,618	570,426	621,203	582,712	580,474	576,885	938,210	**584,263**	72.6	*-37.8*	40.5
Assumption	23,955	74,536	70,608	70,956	72,038	61,765	73,975	**48,544**	-2.4	*-34.4*	6.9
Avoyelles	42,715	149,961	168,477	176,185	164,065	169,994	195,870	**131,296**	47.7	*-33.0*	27.2
Beauregard	31,207	217,870	274,338	239,994	244,801	315,064	329,378	**204,986**	41.2	*-37.8*	87.8
Bienville	16,188	38,274	37,662	48,502	40,374	42,716	60,475	**40,317**	18.1	*-33.4*	16.5
Bossier	88,370	846,634	910,379	875,758	825,662	888,112	929,624	**674,203**	36.7	*-27.5*	29.2
Caddo	251,817	4,848,666	5,299,213	3,632,821	4,846,714	4,572,237	5,874,292	**4,271,064**	32.2	*-27.3*	23.9
Calcasieu	176,760	2,438,971	2,737,214	2,511,655	2,656,514	2,574,022	3,127,796	**2,065,687**	30.2	*-34.0*	22.4
Caldwell	10,947	58,806	51,707	51,182	51,431	40,458	54,982	**37,763**	-6.7	*-31.4*	27.9
Cameron	10,139	63,940	54,111	69,920	83,429	58,714	65,053	**75,334**	133.8	*14.0*	45.3
Catahoula	12,326	63,005	70,003	68,823	63,563	67,372	81,948	**50,144**	27.3	*-38.9*	15.5
Claiborne	18,367	102,969	135,692	101,057	96,245	103,517	134,261	**92,784**	52.3	*-30.9*	37.2
Concordia	23,577	145,559	139,313	144,242	152,551	138,243	167,617	**106,836**	52.0	*-36.3*	38.6
Desoto	26,970	180,418	167,259	158,360	139,021	156,015	200,176	**125,709**	38.8	*-37.3*	45.8
East Baton Rouge	389,503	9,570,935	8,237,799	8,273,589	8,140,734	8,379,208	11,055,967	**7,384,771**	36.9	*-33.3*	27.6
East Carroll	11,671	51,636	68,989	116,643	49,405	58,267	70,539	**43,336**	18.3	*-38.6*	45.6
East Feliciana	19,939	578,544	67,821	48,354	59,101	57,064	67,888	**39,842**	32.7	*-41.4*	177.7
Evangeline	34,367	173,667	191,989	173,913	166,458	181,282	214,286	**133,676**	28.4	*-37.7*	31.8
Franklin	24,509	106,381	111,524	131,249	117,501	120,543	148,474	**69,841**	18.0	*-53.0*	31.1
Grant	17,621	13,454	13,418	31,953	17,746	15,100	23,816	**17,844**	54.5	*-25.1*	27.2
Iberia	69,257	857,076	861,506	823,365	862,387	888,483	997,115	**809,264**	28.2	*-18.9*	38.2
Iberville	32,981	383,256	577,505	403,936	449,584	187,196	481,067	**300,285**	-3.7	*-37.6*	55.9
Jackson	17,309	111,808	175,518	215,351	62,394	185,386	168,029	**129,587**	104.4	*-22.9*	143.9
Jefferson	476,915	8,084,948	7,999,463	8,553,125	8,351,410	8,195,610	9,689,419	**7,668,163**	45.5	*-20.9*	37.0
Jefferson Davis	33,017	214,146	253,952	219,377	231,614	224,751	264,891	**211,029**	52.5	*-20.4*	27.1
Lafayette	169,694	4,197,601	4,668,881	4,632,224	5,468,215	4,291,796	5,421,703	**3,928,177**	29.4	*-27.6*	30.2
Lafourche	88,349	589,911	610,107	624,789	603,318	605,698	674,058	**487,340**	36.3	*-27.8*	29.2
Lasalle	17,697	96,354	98,031	108,670	96,614	105,505	123,441	**79,908**	19.9	*-35.3*	22.2
Lincoln	41,847	321,219	391,659	451,119	455,942	368,412	514,993	**376,055**	61.3	*-27.0*	24.5
Livingston	66,451	253,674	295,519	282,629	262,926	229,484	298,179	**218,475**	45.4	*-26.8*	25.8
Madison	15,894	68,039	69,749	66,023	65,268	63,238	83,893	**53,440**	94.6	*-36.3*	45.7
Morehouse	35,183	1,024,230	251,502	233,283	242,735	241,838	285,717	**204,350**	3.9	*-28.5*	123.1
Natchitoches	40,805	277,751	295,781	292,324	267,663	270,179	344,787	**231,197**	37.0	*-33.0*	39.4
Orleans	567,062	12,723,126	11,977,473	12,360,047	13,578,022	11,883,878	15,632,514	**14,121,957**	79.4	*-9.7*	20.6
Ouachita	142,300	2,574,332	3,272,477	2,627,191	2,441,643	2,688,253	3,439,803	**2,205,313**	45.7	*-35.9*	34.0
Plaquemines	26,778	338,603	398,848	355,981	328,279	365,249	489,047	**353,327**	33.2	*-27.8*	10.0
Pointe Coupee	25,091	95,221	123,840	93,043	107,761	1,629,995	216,876	**69,875**	18.9	*-67.8*	215.2
Rapides	138,346	1,671,201	1,725,474	1,632,999	1,568,237	1,594,117	1,941,250	**1,318,893**	33.1	*-32.1*	35.1
Red River	11,114	41,692	40,849	41,029	39,614	37,422	44,170	**30,893**	10.0	*-30.1*	13.8
Richland	22,785	61,539	123,087	152,728	129,599	118,379	172,124	**86,810**	32.0	*-49.6*	26.1
Sabine	27,139	129,900	113,270	118,166	124,659	114,235	140,315	**95,803**	18.6	*-31.8*	28.5
St. Bernard	67,949	543,530	375,330	215,839	351,149	361,733	423,553	**302,817**	106.5	*-28.6*	59.9
St. Charles	41,103	311,124	415,295	326,344	436,067	381,472	411,472	**343,928**	39.7	*-16.5*	71.5
St. Helena	10,186	-7,493	9,409	14,483	4,297	7,789	6,607	**4,215**	-61.8	*-36.3*	-12.0
St. James	21,970	145,415	58,517	121,661	123,220	121,385	152,818	**85,883**	27.3	*-43.9*	14.1
St. John	37,668	378,537	391,124	404,937	367,826	360,745	591,562	**393,000**	56.1	*-33.6*	49.7
St. Landry	87,800	559,400	587,405	606,526	555,973	561,140	667,559	**494,928**	10.8	*-25.9*	23.1
St. Martin	44,455	255,234	235,272	280,028	233,056	245,984	288,996	**196,002**	45.2	*-32.2*	31.2
St. Mary	66,950	974,472	897,767	856,736	844,011	849,709	908,289	**852,612**	53.3	*-6.2*	31.3
St. Tammany	128,130	1,101,338	1,074,469	1,104,198	1,065,727	1,090,464	1,245,038	**911,677**	43.0	*-26.8*	33.1
Tangipahoa	87,863	684,937	676,464	736,657	635,381	608,240	774,782	**513,596**	33.4	*-33.8*	25.5
Tensas	8,244	23,097	25,757	34,510	21,071	15,981	27,249	**16,701**	36.9	*-38.8*	30.7
Terrebonne	102,038	1,185,027	1,332,958	1,371,903	1,239,698	1,205,447	1,534,790	**1,113,681**	142.6	*-27.5*	24.1
Union	21,734	83,774	80,263	81,643	78,271	76,467	95,508	**70,028**	42.8	*-26.7*	28.2
Vermillion	52,445	331,160	338,481	319,570	335,905	371,672	398,845	**296,255**	21.2	*-25.8*	17.0
Vernon	61,275	244,988	237,049	226,423	225,049	230,302	297,115	**201,877**	33.7	*-32.1*	22.9
Washington	45,765	208,307	212,400	217,713	194,798	193,101	274,139	**167,682**	40.4	*-38.9*	26.3
Webster	45,205	302,236	327,179	346,568	301,323	343,127	406,566	**256,841**	40.9	*-36.9*	39.7
West Baton Rouge	20,168	226,614	172,106	161,264	134,124	156,179	171,110	**160,585**	41.2	*-6.2*	-30.0
West Carroll	13,267	60,641	64,983	69,534	48,442	45,908	61,049	**38,757**	13.1	*-36.6*	24.5
West Feliciana	13,269	144,105	179,532	169,533	3,770,447	221,373	244,220	**156,114**	-2.6	*-36.1*	211.7
Winn	17,575	100,942	124,205	104,440	116,238	115,595	156,809	**100,865**	40.2	*-35.7*	33.6
Out Of State		23,645,458	25,057,146	26,330,857	25,099,276	25,756,716	35,660,886	**22,639,149**	30.1	*-36.6*	32.8
Invalid		0	60	0	81	28	2,622	**53,418**	0.0	*1,937.2*	105.8
Total Sales Tax		86,456,400	87,305,657	86,511,856	91,034,687	86,774,113	110,736,116	**79,068,820**	41.9	*-28.6*	30.9

Louisiana State Sales Tax Collections By Commodity — Per Cent Change

								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
State Sales Taxes by Commodity	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**	Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Grocery Stores	5,198,887	3,217,727	3,502,649	3,262,415	3,313,204	3,618,508	**2,994,177**	50.9	***-17.3***	45.6
Fruit & Vegetable Stores	107,761	126,096	113,017	122,710	93,684	120,134	**96,325**	-3.4	***-19.9***	6.2
Meat & Seafood Stores	357,560	399,174	373,587	364,291	351,757	396,059	**315,214**	22.8	***-20.5***	19.8
Restaurants & Cafes	3,392,766	3,462,950	3,618,164	3,436,438	3,149,352	3,524,841	**3,036,190**	35.7	***-13.9***	25.5
Saloons, Bars, Package Liquors	2,923,742	3,196,335	2,658,050	3,116,049	3,130,698	3,754,941	**2,287,065**	28.0	***-39.1***	18.6
Dairy, Egg, Poultry	229,772	229,029	206,450	172,627	208,346	178,113	**150,672**	13.9	***-15.5***	17.3
Bakeries	81,618	81,580	72,082	82,840	70,207	98,147	**71,384**	29.1	***-27.3***	33.0
Chain Stores (Food)	510,355	515,803	647,306	793,939	511,778	569,488	**351,855**	-38.6	***-38.3***	-9.4
Other Foods	1,828,983	1,868,345	2,085,382	1,946,054	1,616,557	1,936,532	**1,398,425**	29.3	***-27.8***	40.1
Men and Boy's Clothing	309,224	327,007	311,511	325,007	396,402	691,023	**296,110**	28.6	***-57.2***	19.8
Women's Ready To Wear	660,041	764,881	783,911	796,725	860,012	1,299,347	**704,655**	49.1	***-45.8***	25.5
Millinery	534,159	521,962	720,784	533,082	740,933	1,365,722	**529,399**	68.2	***-61.3***	23.5
Shoe Stores	697,951	849,879	674,123	721,977	733,100	1,164,337	**580,242**	35.5	***-50.2***	21.8
Salvage Clothing	5,075	5,164	7,578	6,466	6,922	9,288	**5,659**	42.4	***-39.1***	25.9
Children's Clothing	55,010	65,945	64,601	56,163	59,330	88,129	**56,749**	36.3	***-35.7***	24.9
Chain Stores (Clothing)	131	193	371	271	0	616	**76**	-119.7	***-87.7***	-87.7
Other Apparel	762,990	926,652	888,113	868,083	974,328	1,634,102	**797,569**	50.3	***-51.2***	33.4
Department Stores	2,878,275	3,387,195	3,164,734	3,084,392	4,180,061	6,306,995	**2,456,775**	45.7	***-61.1***	34.6
Country & Farm Stores	7,936	15,269	11,232	8,703	11,597	20,849	**11,018**	177.3	***-47.2***	4.8
Variety Stores	2,761,069	2,351,090	2,399,153	3,460,731	1,791,908	5,516,270	**1,947,640**	64.1	***-64.7***	37.5
Drug Stores	1,264,232	1,365,088	1,229,534	1,330,102	1,328,837	2,338,094	**1,300,214**	46.2	***-44.4***	28.1
Jewelry, Leather, Sporting Goods	1,324,609	1,381,270	1,405,975	1,440,696	1,309,962	2,814,986	**891,632**	2.5	***-68.4***	9.0
Feed & Seed	157,503	131,452	178,401	151,212	153,503	152,457	**150,571**	37.1	***-1.3***	22.8
Hardware Stores	1,411,647	1,493,830	1,446,416	1,356,659	1,361,349	1,259,473	**1,251,326**	22.2	***-0.7***	17.5
Farm Implement Dealers	698,869	762,883	869,963	809,260	679,781	739,200	**564,001**	29.9	***-23.8***	34.0
Chain Stores (General)	2,291,575	2,784,093	2,140,535	2,281,464	3,277,075	3,976,626	**1,777,144**	27.1	***-55.4***	20.4
Other General Merchandise	1,205,173	1,792,633	1,324,968	1,205,690	1,250,517	2,049,985	**905,556**	29.6	***-55.9***	26.2
Motor Vehicle Dealers	933,001	981,428	862,336	978,761	887,128	843,559	**915,051**	37.3	***8.4***	21.1
Auto Parts, Tires	2,527,329	2,538,452	2,419,790	2,438,313	2,406,933	2,266,370	**2,173,960**	30.4	***-4.1***	21.7
Service Stations	885,239	1,028,012	975,181	1,196,470	823,710	1,200,628	**803,022**	191.2	***-33.2***	34.3
Garages, Repair Shops	1,115,037	1,044,166	1,201,707	1,054,359	1,012,229	1,237,411	**1,034,218**	31.4	***-16.5***	26.7
Diesel Fuel, Fuel Oil	105,189	98,717	83,779	66,857	81,014	67,874	**63,710**	19.5	***-6.2***	40.3
Marine Supplies	311,532	240,962	183,354	172,729	159,085	170,884	**110,893**	4.3	***-35.2***	26.1
Motor Boats	135,821	150,693	89,669	90,741	69,986	119,556	**73,392**	66.0	***-38.7***	22.6
Aircraft	43,626	45,345	55,192	35,979	43,941	53,509	**26,425**	-33.2	***-50.7***	6.7
Chain Stores (Auto)	945,092	852,754	865,479	852,006	844,108	2,459,849	**755,374**	-2.4	***-69.3***	1.6
Other Automotive	117,460	135,864	123,409	157,865	136,892	125,822	**93,760**	27.8	***-25.5***	30.1
Furniture Stores	879,049	931,882	827,630	898,135	984,672	1,160,299	**821,473**	37.6	***-29.3***	21.6
Electric & Gas App	1,530,156	1,576,442	1,560,271	1,544,302	1,771,907	2,153,470	**1,558,961**	43.8	***-27.7***	28.2
Butane Dealers	744,469	801,733	821,268	825,049	761,160	762,484	**735,724**	-2.8	***-3.6***	13.9
Store, Office Furniture	1,783,378	1,703,434	1,663,960	1,898,237	1,613,322	2,164,413	**1,419,157**	-11.2	***-34.5***	50.7
Hotel, Restaurant Supplies	271,573	299,756	267,476	379,105	283,465	321,087	**275,892**	43.3	***-14.1***	34.9
Awnings, Blinds, Upholstery	327,218	355,595	358,244	360,672	382,404	600,988	**303,405**	2.9	***-49.6***	34.7
Dental, Medical Supplies	450,651	463,414	481,016	461,340	431,439	580,260	**568,729**	114.0	***-2.0***	21.9
Safes, Locks	43,454	45,854	51,712	46,529	45,714	73,123	**50,428**	78.9	***-31.1***	34.1
Chain Stores (Furniture)	413	1,963	401	1,499	1,287	1,180	**471**	-73.2	***-60.1***	6.1
Other Furniture	365,290	347,218	380,871	358,262	351,701	444,296	**322,093**	16.3	***-27.6***	23.0
Bldg Contractors, Construction	204,667	214,978	205,288	191,086	214,015	182,933	**144,658**	21.5	***-21.0***	9.7
Lumber, Paint, Wallpaper Stores	5,041,336	5,037,159	4,827,967	4,659,519	4,610,241	4,044,762	**3,528,993**	25.5	***-12.8***	21.1
Electric, Plumbing, Elevators	3,412,613	3,148,771	3,256,806	3,467,675	2,997,853	3,294,356	**3,373,247**	37.8	***2.3***	51.1
Oil Well Equipment	3,394,883	3,405,160	3,178,944	3,488,575	3,040,885	3,986,707	**3,161,566**	41.7	***-20.7***	51.8
Contractors (Elect)	265,078	275,715	246,388	262,750	256,979	270,838	**235,974**	-31.1	***-12.9***	21.5
Contractors (Paint)	19,554	19,514	23,863	19,369	17,082	20,988	**15,384**	69.5	***-26.8***	61.7
Contractors (Roofing)	61,223	58,668	51,083	65,920	63,997	54,032	**40,229**	-1.5	***-25.6***	21.3
Trucks, Dragline, Etc.	2,011,048	2,014,950	2,333,582	5,981,960	2,188,015	2,102,485	**2,267,956**	56.1	***7.8***	40.4
Chain Stores (Lumber)	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Other Contractors	453,889	509,724	430,869	390,353	372,206	350,188	**349,040**	19.0	***-0.4***	1.6
Hotels, Motels, Etc.	1,433,004	1,439,440	1,670,294	1,669,682	1,771,861	1,336,068	**1,404,067**	87.5	***5.0***	55.1
Leasing, Renting	2,521,341	2,498,929	2,704,023	2,369,370	2,525,701	3,491,334	**2,365,025**	61.7	***-32.3***	22.8
Bowling, Billiards	21,800	31,378	33,914	33,156	29,771	22,901	**31,131**	34.7	***35.9***	75.4
Laundry, Tailoring	362,755	364,157	372,085	402,239	379,417	445,349	**365,020**	30.3	***-18.1***	29.0
Newspapers, Printing	814,436	904,845	988,340	924,140	932,060	1,137,133	**842,151**	38.7	***-26.0***	37.5
Cotton Gins, Etc.	1,376	1,927	2,051	2,064	1,743	2,249	**2,084**	328.8	***-7.4***	71.7
Warehouses	50,399	43,061	49,751	40,870	37,343	49,549	**43,122**	54.0	***-13.0***	-8.8
Shoe Repair, Shine	14,259	18,940	20,800	20,239	20,485	35,432	**18,018**	33.8	***-49.2***	25.2

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								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**	Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Machine Shops, Welding	643,350	742,915	706,388	726,289	666,951	769,207	**608,841**	-1.3	***-20.9***	16.2
Other Service Groups	881,907	849,461	888,787	644,514	754,517	974,580	**635,342**	41.7	***-34.9***	31.8
Beverage Bottlers	590,047	788,763	588,406	608,423	507,604	497,945	**435,149**	31.3	***-12.7***	23.8
Sugar Refineries	15,216	11,246	9,700	9,503	12,814	7,038	**5,709**	-36.1	***-18.9***	11.2
Petroleum, Natural Gas	130,988	117,316	-1,187,222	642,073	-330,476	198,768	**215,107**	79.0	***8.2***	-8.5
Petroleum Refineries	501,338	506,480	294,130	308,094	240,205	444,474	**468,023**	44.9	***5.2***	47.7
Sawmills, Sash & Door	8,554	14,827	15,934	9,784	22,563	23,383	**17,217**	64.6	***-26.4***	62.9
Sand & Gravel	314,646	311,906	400,793	290,459	303,638	300,280	**234,624**	8.3	***-21.9***	15.6
Rice Mills	492	1,070	1,318	738	2,968	1,568	**657**	-49.7	***-58.1***	-57.5
Cotton Seed Oil	1,755	2,947	3,710	4,496	4,358	4,678	**2,803**	27.9	***-40.1***	42.5
Ice Manufacture	41,597	32,610	30,988	20,383	15,323	13,028	**10,328**	62.9	***-20.8***	12.0
Other Manufacturers	7,524,990	6,992,967	8,888,060	7,296,404	7,056,657	7,109,704	**6,225,745**	35.6	***-12.5***	45.9
Railroads	0	0	20	0	0	20	**0**	0.0	***-100.0***	-51.2
Bus Lines, Etc.	40,144	34,918	26,387	37,894	233	103	**9**	-87.4	***-91.3***	9,132.7
Pullman, Tank Cars	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Trucking, Freight, Etc.	1,338	534	1,290	331	501	1,540	**1,882**	91.0	***22.2***	33.0
Fire Protection	33,165	31,994	33,733	27,835	28,944	29,592	**32,122**	6.5	***8.5***	32.0
Pipelines	2,188	278	1,337	2,374	26	3,530	**783**	-63.8	***-77.9***	-5.6
Light, Power, Gas	163,983	74,430	62,243	92,518	78,011	93,549	**76,886**	14.6	***-17.9***	17.4
Telephone, Telegraph	10,093	21,834	19,830	10,897	24,979	19,156	**11,019**	221.4	***-42.5***	80.5
Other Utilities	-4,878	72,120	78,962	125,129	110,843	622,257	**8,333**	-90.8	***-98.7***	-28.5
Book Stores, Etc.	325,705	514,321	539,475	400,269	370,955	531,790	**552,779**	33.1	***3.9***	29.5
Itinerant Vendors	10,236	13,487	13,713	12,690	10,210	11,492	**6,427**	-16.1	***-44.1***	14.8
Piano, Musical Instruments	317,985	312,633	345,809	330,750	386,053	532,917	**252,324**	7.3	***-52.7***	10.8
Iron, Sheet Metal, Etc.	74,208	61,812	61,559	69,633	66,397	65,340	**58,369**	36.4	***-10.7***	28.0
Photo Studios	308,482	324,906	352,097	345,647	324,658	437,145	**282,364**	37.0	***-35.5***	26.2
Cigar Stores, News	674,035	693,904	674,854	710,632	677,823	710,547	**664,452**	52.8	***-6.5***	22.8
Florists, Nurseries	247,356	257,417	275,763	274,143	271,694	423,151	**225,810**	36.3	***-46.7***	28.0
Funeral Parlors	136,032	125,817	147,887	129,899	125,328	150,985	**163,705**	36.9	***8.4***	23.9
Fishing Bait	156,646	96,952	165,919	185,549	128,523	149,997	**133,409**	-1.3	***-11.1***	-7.5
Miscellaneous	7,115,619	8,211,664	8,028,250	7,708,447	10,360,592	12,863,081	**12,090,788**	112.0	***-6.1***	38.0
Common Carriers	319,278	305,484	389,496	372,014	357,271	414,014	**331,621**	18.0	***-20.0***	20.2
Others	102,395	124,114	84,860	96,724	80,998	72,632	**94,747**	54.7	***30.4***	56.9
Total Sales Tax	85,944,441	87,305,652	86,511,859	91,034,758	86,774,112	110,736,119	**79,068,820**	41.9	***-28.6***	30.5

Louisiana Local Sales Tax Collections - Police Juries

Per Cent Change

Police Juries	**Population**	**Sep 84**	**Oct 84**	**Nov 84**	**Dec 84**	**Jan 85**	**Feb 85**	**Mar 85**			
Acadia	59,369	258,423	307,971	200,440	255,814	329,756	229,955	**266,789**	24.3	***16.0***	6.6
Ascension	54,618	326,214	298,671	241,773	256,034	na	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Assumption	23,955	90,610	103,241	96,351	88,131	78,057	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Caldwell	10,947	47,436	43,000	41,119	56,453	56,453	38,498	**na**	na	***na***	na
Catahoula	12,326	74,947	86,590	74,998	71,874	82,998	65,193	**67,067**	-2.0	***2.8***	6.1
Concordia	23,577	57,481	65,513	65,698	65,892	62,712	67,049	**52,284**	-7.7	***-22.1***	11.3
E Baton Rouge	389,503	6,662,782	5,869,572	5,788,527	5,552,730	7,247,291	5,381,521	**5,135,746**	0.3	***-4.6***	9.4
Iberville	32,981	314,677	350,569	282,646	298,398	407,769	280,455	**272,460**	-22.8	***-2.9***	-1.0
Jefferson	476,915	8,350,903	8,266,515	8,386,398	8,312,280	10,099,719	7,355,829	**7,244,502**	41.7	***-1.6***	38.8
Lafayette	169,694	308,434	293,950	291,526	275,020	339,433	311,520	**241,893**	-29.7	***-22.4***	12.6
Lafourche	88,349	163,713	208,268	147,206	182,996	184,145	182,062	**166,111**	-2.6	***-8.8***	1.5
Lincoln	41,847	179,489	161,016	147,746	226,591	136,996	126,507	**na**	na	***na***	na
Madison	15,894	28,632	19,695	26,216	25,914	15,064	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Ouachita	142,300	276,100	292,964	243,293	231,968	310,780	209,550	**248,277**	23.0	***18.4***	15.6
Plaquemine	26,778	339,141	'/353,219	na	**na**	na	***na***	na			
Pointe Coupee	25,091	107,950	171,166	163,348	120,420	217,420	128,991	**110,691**	-9.2	***-14.2***	2.0
Rapides	138,346	833,769	818,783	727,151	862,325	922,412	620,591	**759,915**	10.2	***22.4***	4.9
Red River	11,114	37,450	50,182	27,798	38,901	37,033	35,643	**40,426**	18.3	***13.4***	2.5
St Bernard	67,949	531,765	512,317	481,320	645,901	454,195	415,252	**na**	na	***na***	na
St Charles	41,103	428,556	308,303	226,143	518,774	308,224	349,784	**na**	na	***na***	na
St Helena	10,186	37,687	40,703	22,021	20,312	29,814	24,821	**25,160**	na	***1.3***	na
St James	21,970	241,373	166,494	155,539	132,011	167,760	156,116	**135,808**	-62.8	***-13.1***	-39.0
St Mary	66,950	1,024,127	1,013,250	865,871	916,027	1,297,879	800,175	**1,003,263**	32.2	***25.3***	18.5
St Mary	66,950	39,893	52,601	37,024	35,087	65,174	37,755	**35,510**	19.7	***-6.0***	92.0
St Mary	66,950	32,691	36,368	31,131	33,958	35,959	22,634	**30,464**	8.6	***34.5***	105.9
Tensas	8,244	24,902	33,195	34,688	27,539	28,784	22,531	**24,045**	4.9	***6.7***	6.1
Terrebonne	102,038	1,029,402	1,084,544	1,022,201	1,193,442	1,125,475	863,790	**852,646**	-6.4	***-1.3***	9.9
Vermillion	52,445	345,926	344,362	324,878	419,322	na	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
West Ascension HSD	54,618	30,032	33,129	39.594	28,159	na	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
W B Rouge	20,168	121,675	113,390	109,130	103,070	180,760	89,860	**95,070**	-15.7	***5.7***	-29.6
Total		22,000,254	21,099,239	20,324,138	20,858,508	24,575,281	17,816,082	**16,808,127**	-1.0	***-5.7***	12.9

Louisiana Local Sales Tax Collections - Cities & Towns

Per Cent Change

									Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Cities & Towns	**Population**	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**	Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Abbeville	12,478	91,100	96,232	82,706	90,023	113,504	79,267	**76,979**	-8.0	***-2.9***	3.4
Abita Springs	1,131	2,182	5,684	4,330	5,034	2,617	2,677	**4,001**	46.9	***49.4***	55.8
Albany	874	5,220	3,927	4,001	4,367	3,511	3,206	**na**	na	***na***	na
Alexandria	52,371	481,318	473,775	408,979	484,729	613,220	367,639	**411,942**	5.0	***12.0***	5.7
Amite City	4,448	68,984	79,348	70,814	71,787	92,667	64,326	**59,186**	1.1	***-8.0***	2.7
Angie	322	419	na	na	na	na	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Arcadia	3,531	16,985	22,099	16,316	18,735	21,330	19,292	**17,685**	-8.1	***-8.4***	-2.4
Arnaudville	1,734	16,102	14,086	14,237	16,002	22,041	12,167	**12,847**	-8.6	***5.5***	2.3
Baker	13,496	119,394	138,351	142,117	114,265	172,292	115,703	**122,978**	18.3	***6.2***	7.3
Basile	2,720	11,934	12,462	5,509	13,737	8,627	6,987	**8,152**	9.7	***16.6***	10.8
Bastrop	15,279	119,120	114,058	105,010	127,762	93,504	100,503	**na**	na	***na***	na
Benton	2,062	11,917	4,599	6,143	5,368	3,098	5,306	**8,180**	9.2	***54.1***	na
Bernice	2,082	7,711	8,145	6,350	8,376	9,379	7,080	**7,106**	12.6	***0.3***	7.1
Bogalusa	16,941	243,688	281,847	225,636	311,767	293,524	246,249	**254,225**	1.6	***3.2***	4.4
Bonita	507	891	963	959	1,304	975	848	**na**	na	***na***	na
Bossier City	53,032	597,348	668,703	545,584	549,920	703,741	410,189	**528,496**	14.0	***28.8***	8.8
Breaux Bridge	6,412	43,186	45,267	35,284	46,187	54,169	32,417	**36,764**	5.6	***13.4***	7.0
Broussard	3,264	34,273	57,812	37,144	36,008	45,335	38,867	**35,124**	18.0	***-9.7***	32.4
Bunkie	5,400	52,110	48,268	48,226	46,602	55,202	33,530	**44,737**	10.5	***33.4***	5.1
Campti	1,069	na	na	na	na	na	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Cankton	342	783	581	595	715	640	864	**na**	na	***na***	na
Carencro	4,137	31,719	31,529	32,988	31,295	34,495	26,730	**24,944**	-2.6	***-6.7***	7.3
Church Point	4,692	18,621	20,305	15,806	18,181	22,126	16,244	**16,384**	-4.3	***0.8***	0.0
Colfax	1,697	12,990	14,123	13,368	11,697	15,012	11,977	**na**	na	***na***	na
Columbia	689	7,390	17,658	8,195	10,151	7,488	7,646	**6,801**	-34.2	***-11.1***	11.2
Cotton Valley	1,555	2,600	3,000	2,300	3,458	2,300	2,500	**2,600**	10.4	***4.0***	10.9
Cottonport	2,119	7,233	7,581	5,739	7,300	8,251	5,174	**5,886**	-5.2	***13.7***	0.0
Coushatta	2,187	18,373	24,244	18,451	16,748	25,111	18,701	**21,810**	34.4	***16.6***	11.0
Covington	8,280	163,386	180,106	170,592	261,656	261,656	140,894	**157,995**	1.5	***12.1***	19.1
Crowley	16,242	162,905	168,208	154,610	164,253	255,195	152,578	**140,093**	-4.1	***-8.2***	0.8
Cullen	1,862	4,364	4,463	2,896	4,609	3,630	3,237	**3,703**	28.2	***14.3***	10.7
Delcambre	2,226	9,844	9,798	8,076	9,762	6,017	8,119	**7,558**	49.9	***-7.0***	11.8
Delhi	3,321	9,249	12,110	8,103	11,456	10,580	7,990	**9,083**	11.8	***13.6***	-4.7
Delta	283	264	290	941	176	767	128	**88**	-62.4	***-31.3***	-8.1
Denham Sprgs	8,963	92,468	134,108	98,063	92,074	132,562	80,270	**98,253**	2.6	***22.4***	5.8
Dequincy	4,101	39,114	39,553	39,179	39,228	48,039	33,446	**31,772**	-5.9	***-5.1***	56.4
DeRidder	11,191	78,547	86,481	71,249	88,234	100,120	69,352	**79,340**	17.4	***14.4***	6.5
Dixie Inn	506	5,526	4,990	4,868	4,933	4,421	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Donaldsonville	8,070	67,787	64,071	66,178	77,697	77,698	48,959	**55,049**	-16.2	***12.4***	4.3
Dubach	1,234	1,957	3,012	1,744	3,594	3,682	1,802	**2,752**	57.8	***52.7***	21.8
Duson	1,355	14,692	18,050	13,899	18,366	17,660	15,173	**15,725**	-6.6	***3.6***	-1.1
Elizabeth	458	1,202	1,526	958	1,149	1,176	1,055	**na**	na	***na***	na
Elton	1,441	2,262	4,234	2,576	3,465	3,376	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Erath	2,345	9,074	9,953	7,954	11,315	12,608	9,132	**10,744**	19.4	***17.6***	-2.6
Estherwood	728	1,143	1,092	1,101	651	1,500	1,155	**1,417**	64.7	***22.6***	18.7
Eunice	12,624	154,658	155,689	157,169	192,138	134,430	148,471	**na**	na	***na***	na
Farmerville	3,779	25,723	32,070	21,654	25,670	34,558	20,649	**22,915**	9.4	***10.9***	3.1
Ferriday	4,463	30,775	29,711	25,663	27,740	37,359	30,167	**27,013**	-8.7	***-10.5***	-0.3
Florien (Estimated)	969	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	**5,000**	0.0	***0.0***	0.0
Folsom	350	4,034	3,793	2,126	4,522	4,079	4,086	**2,665**	-13.8	***-34.8***	15.2
Franklinton	4,196	42,912	37,790	36,365	43,329	46,628	33,036	**31,499**	2.7	***-4.7***	-0.2
Gibsland	1,354	2,749	2,687	1,993	3,554	1,935	2,250	**na**	na	***na***	na
Gilbert	804	3,574	1,315	1,622	2,154	1,619	1,285	**1,410**	-16.9	***9.7***	16.5
Glenmora	1,490	3,592	4,044	2,800	3,412	4,435	3,525	**3,684**	15.6	***4.5***	-4.2
Gold Meadow	2,320	9,370	10,240	10,133	9,408	10,947	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Gonzales	7,517	100,357	111,513	98,970	108,083	128,412	88,997	**85,056**	-14.4	***-4.5***	5.7
Grambling	4,226	4,022	10,250	3,727	6,886	6,834	4,268	**na**	na	***na***	na
Gramercy	3,477	14,824	15,989	19,462	15,331	21,397	13,416	**13,262**	-4.0	***-1.2***	6.6
Grand Coteau	1,160	2,235	3,525	2,168	2,774	2,774	1,619	**2,451**	-12.8	***51.3***	5.5
Greensburg	683	3,434	6,271	3,389	5,976	4,237	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Gueydan	1,702	8,102	8,601	11,230	9,792	7,600	8,082	**7,676**	7.1	***-5.1***	9.8
Hall Summit	284	411	456	331	275	485	609	**563**	43.9	***-7.6***	-11.1
Hammond	15,792	379,368	410,596	395,193	389,137	553,546	362,437	**331,470**	3.4	***-8.6***	10.6
Haughton	1,670	6,261	6,595	4,110	5,229	1,306	3,899	**6,282**	51.6	***61.1***	48.9

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									Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Cities & Towns	**Population**	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**	Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Haynesville	3,569	16,132	18,068	10,390	16,653	14,225	14,727	**13,410**	4.9	***-9.0***	1.2
Henderson	1,750	3,867	4,483	3,520	2,206	6,316	20,328	**4,370**	10.5	***-78.6***	31.8
Hodge	703	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	**3,500**	0.0	***0.0***	0.0
Homer	4,478	26,246	23,212	14,024	19,814	37,442	17,326	**26,917**	16.8	***55.3***	0.6
Independence	1,747	11,348	14,534	21,774	17,175	17,052	9,824	**13,872**	49.8	***41.2***	21.8
Iota	1,334	4,607	4,524	3,125	5,170	4,263	3,521	**3,034**	-15.6	***-13.9***	2.9
Iowa	2,586	8,927	8,658	8,838	9,565	9,063	8,002	**7,973**	-16.0	***-0.4***	-0.5
Jeanerette	6,964	30,681	31,782	28,851	32,282	33,759	21,421	**28,635**	9.5	***33.6***	0.2
Jennings	12,511	96,208	81,190	71,572	81,222	108,175	71,868	**74,205**	-0.1	***3.2***	1.7
Jonesboro	5,096	62,146	61,982	50,784	63,783	78,352	50,500	**55,631**	-2.9	***10.1***	3.3
Kaplan	5,109	24,344	na	na	na	na	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Kentwood	2,748	30,705	32,027	26,873	17,825	54,626	23,447	**30,032**	108.1	***28.0***	58.6
Kinder	2,583	18,464	18,940	16,080	18,548	15,055	19,412	**16,258**	-0.1	***-16.3***	7.6
Krotz Springs	1,472	4,482	5,916	2,165	2,801	3,391	2,476	**2,520**	-47.4	***1.7***	-36.6
Lafayette	90,147	1,199,996	1,117,881	1,144,730	1,201,981	1,426,788	1,150,280	**992,851**	-5.0	***-13.7***	7.1
Lake Arthur	3,634	23,453	19,434	26,744	19,628	27,337	19,013	**19,057**	-3.3	***0.2***	-0.2
Lake Charles	75,955	577,121	744,059	536,690	664,037	764,237	485,996	**582,874**	11.4	***19.9***	1.5
L Providence	6,361	17,742	20,896	17,940	16,365	22,514	12,870	**13,824**	-17.2	***7.4***	-6.9
Leesville	9,107	83,245	65,359	104,130	110,671	103,833	74,835	**na**	na	***na***	na
Livingston	1,260	8,402	6,387	5,722	8,397	na	3,744	**na**	na	***na***	na
Lockport	2,510	na	na	na	na	na	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Logansport	1,689	7,126	12,441	7,547	9,398	10,619	7,403	**8,655**	-12.3	***16.9***	1.9
Loreauville	967	3,720	4,187	3,983	4,230	5,741	3,455	**3,391**	-5.1	***-1.9***	15.0
Lutcher	5,034	10,029	10,187	8,694	9,094	11,114	8,709	**9,324**	-9.3	***7.0***	-1.2
Madisonville	797	3,816	3,516	4,359	4,745	5,327	4,054	**3,965**	71.3	***-2.2***	20.2
Mamou	3,219	14,696	15,562	12,612	16,050	16,167	11,812	**17,875**	64.7	***51.3***	6.2
Mandeville	6,806	78,212	77,720	84,382	81,323	107,784	72,415	**64,725**	1.6	***-10.7***	19.4
Mangham	893	2,229	2,996	2,130	2,718	2,849	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Mansfield	6,514	47,865	46,256	39,497	59,012	51,625	32,590	**52,027**	48.5	***59.6***	5.2
Many	4,087	39,462	42,398	38,389	31,932	50,579	31,932	**37,342**	7.2	***16.9***	5.8
Marksville	5,406	47,840	51,479	45,461	48,898	76,642	46,999	**49,515**	12.5	***5.3***	6.2
Maurice	536	3,160	2,300	2,680	3,340	3,990	2,970	**2,860**	-5.8	***-3.8***	-1.1
Melville	1,767	4,260	4,466	3,530	4,400	4,400	3,235	**3,075**	-14.6	***-5.0***	-3.4
Mer Rouge	795	6,527	7,875	5,411	6,123	3,890	4,351	**4,238**	2.3	***-2.6***	13.6
Mermentau	773	1,317	827	947	1,137	1,044	1,237	**636**	-6.5	***-48.6***	-59.7
Merryville	1,320	3,624	4,912	2,811	3,168	2,387	2,464	**2,934**	12.0	***19.0***	-8.6
Minden	14,974	84,078	114,499	82,358	104,292	191,224	154,021	**162,836**	112.1	***5.7***	28.6
Monroe	58,520	1,217,205	1,224,172	1,143,785	1,119,627	1,574,753	973,239	**992,589**	9.5	***1.9***	7.1
Mooringsport	911	1,490	1,612	1,419	2,682	1,313	1,473	**2,014**	263.5	***36.7***	995.7
Moreauville	1,002	3,019	3,457	2,179	2,108	2,289	2,297	**2,551**	-5.3	***11.0***	3.6
Morgan City	16,205	44,397	51,484	42,621	44,697	55,357	43,526	**na**	na	***na***	na
Morganza	880	na	na	na	na	na	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Morse	858	2,138	2,138	1,251	1,674	1,792	1,516	**na**	na	***na***	na
Napoleonville	835	4,787	7,180	4,431	5,948	8,647	4,804	**4,139**	-1.7	***-13.9***	1.9
Natchitoches	17,200	225,738	229,052	208,429	219,276	284,320	189,491	**202,068**	-3.3	***6.6***	3.0
New Iberia	33,500	348,091	380,243	307,135	385,801	483,555	308,185	**335,487**	12.6	***8.8***	4.7
New Llano	2,352	5,028	6,266	4,536	4,772	4,782	6,844	**3,204**	-70.6	***-53.2***	3.4
New Orleans	567,062	10,895,637	11,578,324	11,406,222	13,341,612	12,624,849	9,273,686	**na**	na	***na***	na
New Roads	5,152	45,830	37,027	44,396	46,767	45,887	31,479	**31,434**	-18.6	***-0.2***	17.4
Oak Grove	2,215	21,239	23,510	19,989	22,494	30,082	19,985	**18,610**	-0.4	***-6.9***	7.1
Oakdale	7,316	30,673	33,850	22,806	32,202	39,163	23,430	**29,283**	16.3	***24.9***	1.2
Oberlin	1,776	6,160	8,191	6,915	6,770	4,782	4,691	**5,339**	34.5	***13.8***	5.1
Oil City	1,510	10,408	11,254	12,811	14,955	10,661	12,510	**13,872**	40.8	***10.8***	37.5
Opelousas	19,308	240,712	263,397	229,545	253,307	317,712	193,221	**211,778**	-4.5	***9.6***	-0.6
Pearl River	1,819	8,198	8,199	4,586	6,711	15,776	4,019	**6,644**	25.5	***65.3***	12.7
Pine Prairie	775	4,052	6,962	3,052	3,855	4,609	3,004	**na**	na	***na***	na
Pineville	12,382	76,980	74,591	69,927	83,524	69,497	56,463	**88,257**	36.7	***56.3***	9.4
Plain Dealing	1,215	7,390	8,135	7,995	7,523	6,717	6,676	**6,934**	16.5	***3.8***	8.5
Plaucheville	196	755	887	942	886	896	598	**508**	-26.2	***-15.1***	-5.1
Pleasant Hill	860	577	2,005	1,019	1,077	na	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Pollock	459	1,300	1,197	1,643	909	1,288	935	**na**	na	***na***	na
Ponchatoula	5,559	63,392	72,122	55,149	75,448	na	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Port Allen	6,183	29,852	22,288	38,646	24,952	26,598	29,768	**na**	na	***na***	na
Port Barre	2,849	9,492	6,238	8,552	6,846	7,458	6,668	**6,229**	16.0	***-6.6***	7.8

Louisiana Local Sales Tax Collections - Cities & Towns — Per Cent Change

									Latest Month		Latest 12 Months
Cities & Towns	**Population**	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**	Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	Compared With Prior 12 Months
Rayne	9,136	62,800	78,630	55,813	74,143	83,639	53,800	**64,664**	13.9	***20.1***	0.5
Rayville	4,790	43,321	45,476	37,499	42,463	61,189	36,082	**na**	na	***na***	na
Richmond	513	2,297	2,080	2,278	2,812	1,520	1,587	**1,495**	-5.4	***-5.8***	28.2
Ringold	1,728	7,529	3,848	4,252	3,284	8,467	7,926	**5,845**	-12.2	***-26.3***	10.2
Roseland	1,327	7,596	4,315	6,415	5,334	5,501	5,561	**6,543**	17.0	***17.6***	14.0
Rosepine	1,001	1,860	1,956	1,799	6,028	2,420	1,009	**1,633**	11.9	***61.8***	54.5
Sarepta	846	966	992	na	na	na	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Scott	3,731	46,793	52,564	48,785	48,234	44,619	57,497	**39,682**	52.3	***-31.0***	87.7
Shreveport	207,579	3,266,944	3,416,211	2,708,888	3,327,382	3,922,295	2,514,547	**3,004,035**	13.6	***19.4***	35.4
Sibley	1,227	1,386	1,020	1,016	680	1,324	1,152	**843**	21.1	***-26.9***	14.6
Simmesport	2,313	8,683	9,515	6,779	8,756	5,911	7,683	**na**	na	***na***	na
Slidell	27,246	249,262	281,705	211,622	272,491	320,545	185,805	**227,450**	9.5	***22.4***	12.2
Sorrento	1,369	2,482	2,638	2,067	2,483	2,218	1,800	**1,609**	-31.8	***-10.7***	-4.0
Springfield	459	2,130	2,666	3,774	2,362	2,541	3,099	**2,621**	45.0	***-15.5***	23.0
Springhill	6,536	46,505	58,564	40,114	48,548	53,633	37,215	**39,725**	1.8	***6.7***	8.5
St Francisville	1,553	19,343	21,465	14,784	20,684	22,271	16,519	**21,488**	25.2	***30.0***	6.9
St Martinville	8,331	32,361	33,940	30,764	36,793	41,603	29,387	**30,516**	5.9	***3.8***	5.5
Sterlington	1,437	3,755	4,266	3,535	6,786	4,808	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Sulphur	20,470	236,978	242,473	228,535	257,715	256,774	202,047	**na**	na	***na***	na
Sun	404	672	490	1,223	883	1,041	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Sunset	2,476	8,971	7,340	8,504	8,349	8,349	6,974	**9,090**	43.0	***30.3***	2.0
Tallulah	11,381	na	na	na	na	na	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Tangipahoa	493	1,251	1,865	1,224	1,368	2,297	1,349	**1,340**	12.5	***-0.7***	19.9
Thibodaux	16,219	218,900	259,662	214,378	235,448	260,987	164,585	**214,374**	9.0	***30.2***	0.9
Tickfaw	611	2,471	823	3,976	1,394	2,242	1,051	**4,881**	476.9	***364.4***	109.4
Vidalia	6,062	38,301	37,339	38,213	36,098	46,060	45,095	**33,167**	16.2	***-26.5***	16.3
Parks	na	4,948	5,442	4,150	4,744	4,438	3,662	**4,332**	17.6	***18.2***	-10.2
Ville Platte	9,260	86,237	106,367	73,264	95,039	107,024	56,718	**87,389**	107.4	***54.0***	91.4
Vinton	3,742	22,350	25,165	19,171	26,359	19,193	19,501	**20,712**	8.9	***6.2***	5.9
Vivian	4,315	34,891	27,627	29,473	29,183	33,990	26,513	**26,517**	5.4	***0.0***	10.1
Walker	3,306	12,203	6,672	9,543	9,858	32,687	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Washington	1,319	4,163	4,337	3,121	5.313	5,313	2,480	**2,776**	-48.3	***11.9***	-8.7
Welsh	3,582	16,766	14,714	13,073	14,972	13,640	13,316	**18,052**	17.4	***35.5***	6.7
W Monre	15,107	269,276	291,738	241,737	265,377	355,098	215,693	**241,195**	19.3	***11.8***	7.9
Westlake	5,525	57,113	65,790	52,416	51,770	57,757	42,870	**56,345**	28.1	***31.4***	4.2
Winnsboro	6,033	48,868	58,076	44,391	53,086	65,634	40,190	**42,798**	7.7	***6.4***	4.7
Wisner	1,430	6,346	7,187	5,580	5,275	7,498	4,408	**5,624**	-0.3	***27.5***	-0.5
Youngsville	1,050	12,785	11,309	11,496	11,230	10,758	11,112	**11,844**	23.1	***6.5***	-0.9
Zachary	7,746	106,108	152,889	101,998	115,528	104,689	128,410	**99,806**	14.1	***-22.3***	17.3
Total		24,398,504	25,890,217	23,690,753	27,260,704	29,250,493	20,386,560	**11,449,294**	-49.2	***-43.9***	8.0

Louisiana Local Sales Tax Collections - Parish School Boards

Per Cent Change

School Boards	Population	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
									Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Acadia	59,369	349,151	322,996	203,439	258,812	332,753	250,674	**302,036**	33.9	***20.4***	7.5
Allen	21,739	100,652	105,617	68,031	95,278	113,522	80,646	**94,861**	31.2	***17.6***	23.0
Ascension	54,618	785,352	923,990	763,856	811,899	1,002,060	975,515	**na**	na	***na***	na
Assumption	23,955	180,605	201,427	191,009	182,161	156,192	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Avoyelles	42,715	208,387	250,112	206,354	na	na	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Beauregard	31,207	166,016	165,537	151,682	151,719	210,717	141,735	**178,556**	34.8	***25.9***	17.5
Bienville	16,288	70,778	107,738	49,687	83,000	64,391	75,114	**na**	na	***na***	na
Bogalusa (d)		93,413	95,379	98,925	111,576	91,069	89,809	**na**	na	***na***	na
Bossier	88,370	755,993	982,419	553,935	765,612	823,158	602,685	**689,787**	14.7	***14.4***	7.2
Caddo	261,817	2,038,995	2,081,272	1,605,449	2,008,392	2,250,985	1,440,378	**1,869,858**	15.5	***29.8***	8.5
Calcasieu	176,760	1,338,442	1,282,991	1,262,343	1,258,605	1,464,704	1,203,300	**1,155,332**	1.2	***-4.0***	-2.2
Caldwell	10,947	47,436	43,000	41,119	56,453	56,453	38,498	**na**	na	***na***	na
Catahoula	12,326	na	na	na	na	na	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Claiborne	18,367	108,352	83,687	71,862	62,842	94,548	61,295	**55,850**	-35.3	***-8.9***	-12.2
Concordia	23,577	123,172	132,991	124,938	119,993	141,882	139,843	**124,432**	-6.1	***-11.1***	8.8
Desoto	26,970	153,197	255,251	119,442	159,640	199,118	110,837	**140,374**	-5.6	***26.6***	-7.6
E Baton Rouge	389,503	3,081,315	3,042,144	2,911,267	3,814,841	2,828,614	2,735,843	**na**	na	***na***	na
E Carroll	11,671	38,810	43,207	29,639	43,421	39,015	21,372	**na**	na	***na***	na
E Feliciana	19,937	131,888	219,007	99,432	167,044	163,429	95,300	**283,724**	126.3	***197.7***	4.3
Evangeline	34,367	123,730	173,713	119,103	111,723	134,878	107,325	**97,379**	-9.6	***-9.3***	5.8
Franklin	24,509	133,466	155,145	130,475	88,414	263,598	118,417	**143,573**	8.5	***21.2***	15.6
Grant	17,621	38,157	43,178	34,672	31,001	31,449	38,769	**na**	na	***na***	na
Iberia	69,257	688,536	645,946	656,906	821,067	674,061	610,819	**na**	na	***na***	na
Iberville	32,981	315,754	350,566	282,890	298,574	407,659	280,455	**272,460**	-22.8	***-2.9***	-1.0
Jackson	17,309	182,390	146,935	165,509	181,222	110,150	153,620	**na**	na	***na***	na
Jeff Davis	33,017	195,476	188,497	175,169	171,808	313,379	177,115	**159,227**	-14.1	***-10.1***	11.8
Jefferson	476,915	5,252,537	5,225,916	5,280,852	5,231,013	6,424,741	4,663,448	**4,606,288**	-10.6	***-1.3***	3.8
Lafayette	169,964	1,607,082	1,543,297	1,544,809	1,581,940	1,884,889	1,568,672	**1,327,332**	-10.5	***-15.4***	8.4
Lafourche	88,349	469,254	571,267	418,585	523,744	591,491	417,367	**465,778**	0.5	***11.5***	1.9
Lasalle	17,697	85,249	134,431	78,031	49,416	125,938	54,100	**83,569**	11.5	***54.4***	2.2
Lincoln	41,847	247,046	221,714	198,183	302,121	183,061	168,676	**na**	na	***na***	na
Livingston	66,451	604,310	518,005	507,152	434,273	545,034	449,014	**na**	na	***na***	na
Madison	15,894	72,000	91,000	59,000	77,000	78,000	45,000	**66,000**	11.8	***46.6***	9.6
Monroe		182,372	190,152	168,410	166,638	229,762	145,398	**157,244**	15.5	***8.1***	9.3
Morehouse	35,183	139,059	202,617	137,121	155,780	117,413	104,459	**na**	na	***na***	na
Natchitoches	40,805	207,931	250,481	160,694	197,084	226,131	153,938	**178,517**	16.1	***15.9***	8.0
Orleans	567,062	4,606,448	5,202,755	5,192,704	4,394,116	5,624,718	3,418,434	**na**	na	***na***	na
Ouachita	142,300	297,555	310,247	274,774	271,883	374,875	237,228	**256,555**	15.5	***8.1***	9.3
Plaquemine	26,778	339,141	297,279	347,242	282,487	353,209	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Pointe Coupee	25,091	89,236	131,379	163,348	90,530	217,420	116,809	**80,653**	-22.4	***-31.0***	6.0
Red River	11,114	35,155	44,837	29,927	35,287	34,557	40,592	**na**	na	***na***	na
Richland	22,785	187,328	118,238	102,831	200,552	125,206	123,759	**na**	na	***na***	na
Sabine	27,139	95,789	125,838	89,082	118,191	106,899	86,433	**109,136**	24.6	***26.2***	3.2
St Bernard	67,949	531,765	512,317	481,320	645,901	454,195	415,252	**na**	na	***na***	na
St Charles	41,103	863,456	617,200	454,904	1,056,690	622,883	703,674	**na**	na	***na***	na
St Helena	10,186	37,687	40,703	22,021	20,312	29,814	24,821	**25,160**	0.7	***1.3***	3.2
St James	21,970	532,451	385,340	367,389	312,872	400,543	356,484	**316,788**	-59.3	***-11.2***	-35.4
St John	37,668	475,964	589,343	456,893	427,727	566,367	492,101	**432,086**	-3.6	***-12.2***	1.8
St Landry	87,800	364,011	485,641	354,275	331,549	470,949	362,736	**309,235**	-10.8	***-14.8***	1.8
St Martin	44,455	404,296	409,606	342,780	365,486	476,213	376,672	**335,273**	89.3	***-11.0***	76.9
St Mary	66,950	551,547	550,081	470,072	497,299	704,593	434,407	**544,656**	13.5	***25.3***	18.3
St Tammany	128,130	1,486,904	1,508,928	1,677,144	1,450,760	1,690,443	1,540,164	**1,315,170**	8.0	***-14.7***	12.0
Tangipahoa	87,863	816,659	1,042,696	873,229	740,893	1,069,406	685,664	**841,372**	19.3	***22.7***	52.4
Tensas	8,244	29,608	44,756	33,327	33,326	37,384	28,920	**31,417**	7.6	***8.6***	11.7
Terrebonne	102,038	617,641	650,726	613,320	716,065	735,285	518,274	**511,588**	-6.4	***-1.3***	10.8
Union	21,734	78.207	106,155	76,694	47,080	97,905	50,780	**77,049**	27.4	***51.7***	6.8
Vermillion	52,445	na	na	na	na	na	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Vernon	61,275	167,486	146,864	154,737	na	na	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Washington	45,765	142,629	149,244	160,275	150,619	152,735	172,713	**135,570**	3.4	***-21.6***	8.3
Webster	45,205	224,470	256,330	212,144	215,423	277,865	189,198	**180,016**	0.8	***-4.9***	12.6
W B Rouge	20,168	121,674	113,395	109,133	103,177	180,758	89,856	**95,077**	-15.7	***5.8***	-30.5
W Carroll	13,267	48,811	66,470	36,638	26,464	76,111	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
W Feliciana	13,269	267,209	225,485	393,333	228,940	317,062	250,504	**357,765**	73.9	***42.8***	135.1
Winn	17,575	88,780	101,914	74,694	82,392	100,315	63,787	**89,270**	17.5	***39.9***	9.7
Total		33,818,210	35,225,392	32,234,200	33,420,127	37,671,954	27,994,239	**18,496,013**	-41.2	***-34.0***	2.8

Total Severance Tax Collections by Parish - 1981

Parish	*Jan*	*Feb*	*Mar*	*Apr*	*May*	*Jun*	*Jul*	*Aug*	*Sep*	*Oct*	*Nov*	*Dec*	*Total*
Acadia	1,589,589	1,365,889	2,098,124	1,620,210	2,318,088	1,949,508	***2,006,312***	1,854,148	1,855,715	1,875,321	1,797,551	1,267,361	**21,597,816**
Allen	231,844	211,912	156,622	137,888	255,040	259,491	***270,516***	235,260	327,083	184,164	325,067	92,842	**2,687,729**
Ascension	156,033	146,600	173,371	224,013	227,887	215,584	***174,930***	155,056	125,757	250,801	178,790	145,682	**2,174,564**
Assumption	515,901	648,248	598,567	587,691	641,408	814,902	***560,802***	834,372	559,102	680,153	684,082	480,658	**7,605,886**
Avoyelles	98,620	53,241	93,307	126,207	108,057	80,382	***79,949***	112,867	70,365	88,513	96,163	52,533	**1,060,204**
Beauregard	653,998	493,266	576,740	386,760	649,361	775,938	***521,086***	649,941	754,181	577,733	739,518	335,811	**7,114,333**
Bienville	192,084	347,244	317,896	284,509	238,572	314,614	***303,018***	269,398	373,709	386,434	315,802	163,303	**3,506,583**
Bossier	666,969	770,365	764,584	801,224	960,908	1,281,571	***761,717***	1,009,810	841,862	961,038	1,351,206	695,321	**10,866,575**
Caddo	687,474	719,984	778,101	529,739	897,169	774,508	***800,602***	706,925	869,777	757,182	611,452	511,461	**8,644,474**
Calcasieu	1,010,702	1,256,434	1,171,458	1,551,083	1,584,361	1,247,114	***1,335,414***	1,384,956	1,218,065	1,145,879	1,333,637	972,011	**15,211,114**
Caldwell	48,256	53,736	23,093	43,564	36,278	47,582	***74,837***	38,227	42,249	47,250	47,917	46,076	**549,065**
Cameron	2,821,968	3,758,494	3,455,209	4,711,379	4,751,258	4,656,756	***4,156,151***	5,165,865	8,368,614	3,851,522	4,228,033	3,302,545	**53,227,794**
Catahoula	482,504	531,786	632,308	738,607	502,325	1,046,396	***674,089***	675,112	630,139	740,086	585,085	643,061	**7,881,498**
Claiborne	1,673,074	1,765,686	1,945,180	1,858,038	2,333,355	2,322,333	***2,401,406***	2,313,337	2,314,604	2,215,968	2,446,860	2,218,409	**25,808,250**
Concordia	574,884	720,203	786,160	948,138	1,042,085	987,970	***861,008***	929,362	759,043	933,101	920,397	823,819	**10,286,170**
Desoto	388,528	453,378	574,061	503,637	559,663	693,303	***615,611***	674,606	719,778	583,156	751,809	264,204	**6,781,734**
East Baton Rouge	1,300,652	1,955,551	958,919	2,521,189	1,901,461	1,661,188	***2,228,752***	3,042,032	3,059,021	1,881,635	3,313,214	1,688,670	**25,512,284**
East Carroll	127	178	75	194	379	568	***516***	2,017	91	34	303	2,341	**6,823**
East Feliciana	22,660	51,398	35,508	32,645	37,016	63,988	***15,432***	41,615	48,047	52,462	12,346	73,397	**486,514**
Evangeline	492,777	294,157	525,255	437,959	495,858	527,391	***437,755***	770,220	248,379	637,928	478,248	240,297	**5,586,224**
Franklin	9,569	10,437	17,060	10,896	9,146	16,191	***56,997***	24,097	26,605	24,938	33,905	12,894	**252,735**
Grant	45,400	74,891	803	81,356	80,200	75,369	***67,237***	58,018	65,046	59,790	95,059	83,266	**786,435**
Iberia	3,121,577	3,383,700	3,980,744	3,877,235	4,095,801	3,672,171	***3,649,846***	3,612,575	3,477,420	3,564,362	3,124,615	3,665,621	**43,225,667**
Iberville	1,112,687	1,245,955	1,418,591	1,234,445	1,841,538	1,511,650	***1,475,993***	1,721,839	1,432,731	1,285,906	1,569,813	1,168,257	**17,019,405**
Jackson	305,193	305,729	285,699	226,384	318,997	281,509	***245,909***	489,567	305,657	130,535	351,217	127,661	**3,374,057**
Jefferson	1,088,566	1,419,046	1,418,946	2,593,308	2,134,871	2,015,404	***2,122,211***	2,128,851	1,868,359	2,026,940	1,757,281	2,115,425	**22,689,208**
Jefferson Davis	896,085	1,285,081	1,399,237	1,263,720	1,570,549	1,577,672	***1,655,895***	1,352,734	1,370,940	1,287,929	1,366,254	1,296,874	**16,322,970**
Lafayette	323,428	526,863	480,304	437,993	636,932	593,000	***580,973***	466,648	556,509	413,184	673,765	231,439	**5,921,038**
Lafourche	3,669,635	4,937,835	5,848,902	8,102,754	7,486,706	7,259,384	***7,090,426***	6,703,917	6,893,621	6,069,344	8,025,466	4,638,993	**76,776,983**
La Salle	770,272	945,587	1,169,358	1,298,264	283,289	2,261,594	***1,227,342***	1,157,595	1,151,841	1,170,867	1,165,958	1,129,873	**13,731,840**
Lincoln	262,534	383,278	444,509	471,742	486,949	499,436	***545,171***	506,312	559,846	525,754	573,162	563,814	**5,822,507**
Livingston	48,002	108,535	111,152	74,766	68,196	108,564	***100,576***	146,101	220,651	271,392	288,997	161,509	**1,708,441**
Madison	58,616	67,645	56,505	58,461	50,849	107,502	***5,802***	50,371	46,969	38,624	64,127	5,124	**610,595**
Morehouse	20,832	28,276	25,120	20,771	27,786	23,720	***24,382***	26,824	26,493	21,256	26,393	28,645	**300,498**
Natchitoches	329,367	1,758,592	1,624,874	1,695,735	1,576,796	458,206	***1,590,579***	2,388,394	1,786,280	1,527,844	1,470,882	1,243,261	**17,450,810**
Orleans	43,627	34,905	38,808	29,442	45,611	50,672	***42,009***	64,928	45,287	45,515	35,399	73,853	**550,056**
Ouachita	50,984	65,907	147,502	79,769	75,918	160,344	***189,536***	228,907	310,998	177,058	161,248	176,576	**1,824,747**
Plaquemines	11,506,715	12,183,414	19,506,973	18,159,528	22,526,424	22,495,480	***19,415,852***	14,965,738	18,627,595	17,933,431	20,531,546	16,749,245	**214,601,941**
Pointe Coupee	496,732	795,033	726,610	1,062,173	1,251,956	1,073,639	***1,041,397***	1,121,579	1,038,360	1,344,350	986,159	900,832	**11,838,820**
Rapides	88,053	171,852	184,507	203,340	128,081	311,635	***184,294***	176,918	209,739	166,516	216,218	187,641	**2,228,794**
Red River	98,731	92,858	103,444	131,478	161,489	169,876	***160,750***	144,312	167,954	129,246	143,567	32,156	**1,535,861**
Richland	570,964	624,790	1,008,085	1,586,483	1,475,374	1,271,666	***1,223,278***	1,112,041	1,098,949	1,142,405	1,122,338	48,454	**12,284,827**
Sabine	122,511	100,219	126,241	112,425	114,096	147,793	***123,702***	197,950	170,631	141,682	250,335	112,255	**1,719,840**
St. Bernard	861,445	931,605	1,089,496	996,041	1,815,605	1,337,716	***1,016,359***	1,556,455	1,575,769	1,193,933	1,168,533	1,150,442	**14,693,399**
St. Charles	1,222,384	1,599,739	1,460,120	2,093,482	2,398,849	2,012,166	***2,113,934***	2,080,645	2,005,031	1,879,099	1,904,280	1,990,156	**22,759,885**
St. Helena	11,862	10,692	13,616	13,229	25,298	21,610	***15,728***	17,495	17,736	15,579	21,707	9,568	**194,120**
St. James	163,547	339,723	258,373	203,559	362,042	295,304	***352,132***	199,935	224,557	384,848	199,849	268,900	**3,252,769**
St. John	34,205	34,123	44,421	77,029	123,750	156,969	***141,360***	125,571	113,309	95,539	105,524	95,579	**1,147,379**
St. Landry	624,111	833,271	750,537	844,049	918,865	901,298	***782,369***	755,205	695,900	921,769	872,914	648,475	**9,548,763**
St. Martin	1,554,061	1,812,856	2,074,498	2,610,074	2,337,282	2,961,055	***2,572,487***	3,017,690	2,220,428	2,683,072	2,463,111	1,940,427	**28,247,041**
St. Mary	3,532,120	3,852,406	3,911,854	4,230,360	4,451,041	5,095,085	***4,213,054***	3,780,337	3,653,489	4,258,331	4,391,430	3,994,760	**49,364,267**
St. Tammany	26,671	21,708	16,850	23,760	23,392	38,981	***28,940***	20,615	29,402	28,125	45,258	17,991	**321,693**
Tangipahoa	23,670	20,650	29,624	16,022	28,517	30,975	***27,123***	29,341	21,158	30,286	31,051	17,897	**306,314**
Tensas	146,210	180,860	191,987	234,291	268,922	250,533	***245,329***	291,922	220,383	289,593	431,325	235,518	**2,986,873**
Terrebonne	10,427,023	8,150,234	6,751,988	7,993,652	8,759,882	9,014,887	***8,450,113***	7,808,140	7,918,993	7,823,328	7,982,672	7,411,212	**98,492,124**
Union	104,139	154,291	220,056	246,524	234,543	244,426	***211,161***	264,911	261,067	254,078	254,770	280,392	**2,730,358**
Vermillion	3,802,024	4,688,565	4,490,087	4,190,637	4,939,637	4,952,034	***4,267,033***	4,832,313	4,533,761	4,567,302	4,776,089	3,381,767	**53,421,249**
Vernon	82,402	22,835	27,339	37,457	11,684	30,237	***21,840***	29,825	27,963	21,238	22,438	21,313	**356,571**
Washington	7,232	14,190	14,677	17,667	17,585	17,804	***10,615***	20,796	8,575	11,228	15,711	8,410	**164,490**
Webster	436,466	622,168	646,890	639,094	756,737	779,469	***766,388***	711,102	719,565	1,006,042	763,008	740,409	**8,587,338**
West Baton Rouge	288,077	425,475	547,343	252,716	462,781	522,838	***553,249***	382,235	537,354	203,323	674,374	95,875	**4,945,640**
West Carroll	0	32	61	26	14	24	***0***	16	17	231	24	56	**501**
West Feliciana	3,968	5,383	1,420	4,108	1,002	14,716	***7,530***	2,193	4,948	2,281	3,276	2,142	**52,967**
Winn	158,335	26,710	136,179	156,382	159,719	96,680	***237,911***	126,580	140,073	131,420	165,033	126,165	**1,661,187**
Total Severance Tax	62,256,710	69,895,691	78,463,427	85,735,300	94,085,150	94,638,471	87,134,715	85,764,661	88,810,810	71,260,990	90,518,875	81,284,918	**992,254,741**

Consumer Price Index (1967 =100)

Year	*Jan*	*Feb*	*Mar*	*Apr*	*May*	*Jun*	*Jul*	*Aug*	*Sep*	*Oct*	*Nov*	*Dec*	*Avg*
1967	98.6	98.7	98.9	99.1	99.4	99.7	100.2	100.5	100.7	101.0	101.3	101.6	**100.0**
1968	102.0	102.3	102.8	103.1	103.4	104.0	104.5	104.8	105.1	105.7	106.1	106.4	**104.2**
1969	106.7	107.1	108.0	108.7	109.0	109.7	110.2	110.7	111.2	111.6	112.2	112.9	**109.8**
1970	113.3	113.9	114.5	115.2	115.7	116.3	116.7	116.9	117.5	118.1	118.5	119.1	**116.3**
1971	119.2	119.4	119.8	120.2	120.8	121.5	121.8	122.1	122.2	122.4	122.6	123.1	**121.3**
1972	123.2	123.8	124.0	124.3	124.7	125.0	125.5	125.7	126.2	126.6	126.9	127.3	**125.3**
1973	127.7	128.6	129.8	130.7	131.5	132.4	132.7	135.1	135.5	136.6	137.6	138.5	**133.1**
1974	139.7	141.5	143.1	143.9	145.5	146.9	148.0	149.9	151.7	153.0	154.3	155.4	**147.7**
1975	156.1	157.2	157.8	158.6	159.3	160.6	162.3	162.8	163.6	164.6	165.6	166.3	**161.2**
1976	166.7	167.1	167.5	168.2	169.2	170.1	171.1	171.9	172.6	173.3	173.8	174.3	**170.5**
1977	175.3	177.1	178.2	179.6	180.6	181.8	182.6	183.3	184.0	184.5	185.4	186.1	**181.5**
1978	187.2	188.4	189.8	191.5	193.3	195.3	196.7	197.8	199.3	200.9	202.0	202.9	**195.4**
1979	204.7	207.1	209.1	211.5	214.1	216.6	218.9	221.1	223.4	225.4	227.5	229.9	**217.4**
1980	233.2	236.4	239.8	242.5	244.9	247.6	247.8	249.4	251.7	253.9	256.2	258.4	**246.8**
1981	260.5	263.2	265.1	266.8	269.0	271.3	274.4	276.5	279.3	279.9	280.7	281.5	**272.3**
1982	282.5	283.4	283.1	284.3	287.1	290.6	292.2	292.8	293.3	294.1	293.6	292.4	**289.1**
1983	293.1	293.2	293.4	295.5	297.1	298.1	299.3	300.3	301.8	302.6	303.1	303.5	**298.4**
1984	305.2	306.6	307.3	308.8	309.7	310.7	311.7	313.0	314.5	315.3	315.3	315.5	**311.1**
1985	316.1	317.4											

Economic Indicators: United States — Per Cent Change

								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Producer Price Indexes	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Finished Goods	289.5	291.5	292.3	292.4	292.7	292.5	**292.4**	0.2	***-0.1***	1.6
Finished Consumer Goods	288.7	290.3	291.2	291.3	291.1	290.7	**290.4**	-0.4	***-0.2***	1.5
Intermediate Materials	320.3	320.1	320.4	319.8	319.6	318.6	**318.6**	-0.3	***0.0***	1.7
Crude Materials	326.2	319.6	323.2	323.1	319.4	318.3	**312.9**	-7.9	***-1.7***	-0.4
Consumer Price Indexes	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
All Items	313.0	314.5	315.3	315.3	315.5	316.1	**317.4**	3.5	***0.4***	4.1
Food and Beverages	296.9	296.4	296.6	296.3	297.2	299.3	**301.4**	2.4	***0.7***	3.5
Housing	339.5	341.4	341.2	340.9	341.2	342.0	**343.6**	3.8	***0.4***	4.1
Apparel and Upkeep	200.1	204.2	205.7	205.2	203.2	199.8	**201.8**	2.8	***1.0***	1.8
Transportation	312.9	313.7	315.5	316.1	315.8	314.7	**314.3**	2.7	***-0.2***	4.0
Medical Care	381.9	383.1	385.5	387.5	388.5	391.1	**393.8**	5.5	***0.6***	6.1
Entertainment	256.4	257.3	258.3	259.0	260.1	261.0	**261.3**	3.8	***0.1***	3.8
Industrial Production Indexes	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Total Index	166.0	165.0	164.4	164.8	165.0	165.5	**164.7**	2.9	***-0.5***	8.6
Energy	143.0	142.8	139.8	142.7	141.8	143.7	**144.0**	1.8	***0.2***	3.8
Durable Consumer Goods	162.6	159.6	158.7	161.5	161.3	161.2	**159.9**	-1.6	***-0.9***	5.7
Nondurable Consumer Goods	162.4	162.4	162.7	163.0	163.0	163.5	**162.7**	2.8	***-0.5***	4.7
Business Equipment	187.6	186.4	187.3	188.4	189.9	189.5	**188.8**	9.8	***-0.4***	16.6
Defense and Space Equipment	136.8	139.5	141.1	142.2	144.8	145.9	**147.0**	13.5	***0.7***	13.6
Construction Supplies	160.9	158.2	158.6	156.9	157.0	156.7	**155.3**	-0.9	***-0.9***	7.9
Business Supplies	189.1	187.6	188.0	189.2	189.1	190.0	**na**	na	***na***	na
Durable Goods Materials	165.3	164.3	162.9	162.3	161.3	162.5	**161.2**	1.6	***-0.8***	12.7
Nondurable Goods Materials	186.7	184.0	182.1	181.9	180.7	180.8	**179.0**	-2.8	***-1.0***	3.3
Energy Materials	133.0	132.7	127.6	129.4	130.7	132.7	**133.0**	1.5	***0.2***	4.4
Home Goods and Clothing	139.6	138.9	138.3	137.2	137.0	135.3	**134.1**	-4.5	***-0.9***	3.9
General Business Activity	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Index of 12 Leading Indicators	164.4	165.6	164.1	164.9	164.0	166.4	**167.5**	0.6	***0.6***	4.2
Index of 4 Roughly Coincident Indicator	155.8	156.0	156.1	157.2	158.4	157.8	**157.4**	4.5	***-0.3***	9.1
Index Of 6 Lagging Indicators	120.1	121.4	120.5	120.2	120.4	122.3	**121.8**	9.4	***-0.5***	7.3
Index of Coincident to Lagging Ratio	129.7	128.5	129.5	130.8	131.6	129.0	**129.2**	-4.6	***0.1***	1.6
Finance	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Yield On 3-Month Federal Sec	10.49	10.41	9.97	8.79	8.16	7.76	**8.22**	-9.0	***5.9***	7.1
Yield on State & Local Bonds	9.99	10.10	10.25	10.17	9.95	9.51	**9.65**	6.7	***1.4***	13.4
Average Yield on Corporate Bonds	12.87	12.66	12.63	12.29	12.13	12.08	**12.13**	-5.9	***0.4***	0.4
M1 : Currency + Demand Deposits ($ Bil)	548.9	551.5	548.3	553.8	558.5	562.7	**569.3**	6.5	***1.1***	6.5
M2 : M1 + Other Checkable Deposits ($ B	2,292.8	2,308.2	2,318.7	2,345.7	2,371.4	2,398.6	**2,419.8**	9.1	***0.8***	7.7
Bank Debits ($ Bil)	128,141.9	124,117.4	142,907.2	134,016.3	137,512.0	140,678.6	**na**	na	***na***	na
Credit Union Deposits ($ Bil)	53.4	53.1	57.7	58.3	58.3	59.0	**59.4**	19.5	***0.6***	-5.8
Savings & Loan Deposits ($ Bil)	682.5	682.8	701.5	712.2	717.7	725.3	**725.3**	13.8	***0.0***	13.2
Commercial Bank Deposits ($ Bil)	1,388.1	1,387.1	1,414.0	1,431.0	1,441.1	1,488.6	**1,463.1**	10.2	***-1.8***	8.6
Employment Statistics (Mil)	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	176.8	177.0	177.1	177.3	177.4	177.5	**177.7**	1.0	***0.1***	1.1
Civilian Labor Force	113.8	114.0	114.1	114.5	114.9	115.1	**115.5**	2.3	***0.3***	1.9
Percent of Population	64.4	64.4	64.4	64.6	64.8	64.8	**65.0**	1.2	***0.3***	0.7
Employed	105.4	105.7	105.9	106.3	106.4	106.7	**107.1**	2.8	***0.3***	3.7
Employment-Population Ratio	59.6	59.7	59.8	59.9	60.0	60.1	**60.3**	1.8	***0.3***	2.5
Unemployed	8.4	8.4	8.1	8.2	8.5	8.4	**8.4**	-4.6	***0.0***	-16.2
Unemployment Rate	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.2	7.4	7.3	**7.3**	-6.5	***0.0***	-17.8
Life Insurance Statistics	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Annualized Premium ($ Mil)	436.3	397.1	463.0	444.1	609.4	441.7	**431.6**	17.7	***-2.3***	16.7
Face Amount ($ Bil)	42.5	37.5	44.8	42.6	52.7	40.9	**40.7**	7.9	***-0.5***	9.5
Premium Per $1,000	10.28	10.58	10.34	10.42	11.57	10.79	**10.60**	9.0	***-1.8***	6.6
Average Policy Size ($ 000)	53.8	51.3	51.8	53.8	59.2	58.9	**55.5**	13.4	***-5.8***	12.4
Premium Per Policy	552	543	535	561	685	636	**588**	23.7	***-7.6***	19.8
No. Of Ordinary Life Insurance Policies	789.8	731.1	865.6	792.3	890.0	694.2	**733.6**	-4.8	***5.6***	-2.6
Energy Summary (QUADs)	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85	Sep 85	Oct 85	Nov 85	**Dec 85**			
Energy Production										
Energy Consumption										
Energy Imports										
Energy Exports										
Net Imports										

Louisiana Tourist Traffic Data - Visitors To Selected Tourist Attractions — Per Cent Change

	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: **Prior Month**	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Audubon State Commemorative Area	8,600	7,450	6,294	5,552	4,782	5,286	**13,538**	34.0	***156.1***	-8.2
Camp Moore State Commemorative Area	821	535	382	355	179	286	**558**	-3.8	***95.1***	25.8
Chemin-A-Haut State Park	3,896	2,278	2,654	2,051	1,251	2,020	**3,522**	21.6	***74.3***	13.7
Chicot State Park	10,220	9,561	20,098	29,870	21,970	22,526	**34,888**	-29.4	***54.8***	1.7
Cypremort Point State Park	9,578	2,252	2,974	2,741	923	2,150	**8,342**	79.2	***288.0***	23.7
Edward Douglass White Memorial	20	95	24	17	5	38	**79**	-59.1	***107.8***	19.8
Fairview-Riverside State Park	19,996	14,037	13,301	10,340	10,606	13,308	**21,750**	9.4	***63.4***	19.4
Fontainbleau State Park	58,710	25,412	18,712	25,066	25,090	16,340	**28,222**	-0.9	***72.7***	105.2
Fort Jesup State Commemorative Area	2,268	3,184	5,538	6,588	4,932	3,042	**2,670**	-37.2	***-12.3***	-0.9
Fort Pike State Commemorative Area	39,112	33,150	23,640	6,352	7,000	9,000	**24,506**	-18.1	***172.2***	67.2
Fort St. Jean Baptiste	2,160	1,561	1,679	3,129	1,274	1,132	**1,976**	15.1	***74.5***	103.8
Grand Isle State Park	147	370	324	190	301	282	**0**	-100.0	***-100.0***	-98.7
Hodges Gardens	2,064	1,470	1,083	0	205	228	**6,861**	11.0	***2,909.2***	-11.4
Indian Creek Recreational Area	7,355	2,574	2,606	1,813	859	1,598	**12,475**	38.2	***680.6***	2.4
Kent House State Commemorative Area	na	na	na	na	na	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Lake Bistineau State Park	9,710	6,898	4,674	3,889	4,085	3,991	**13,618**	62.6	***241.2***	10.7
Lake Bruin State Park	7,842	4,082	3,288	2,764	4,624	3,294	**7,754**	51.0	***135.3***	11.8
Lake Claiborne State Park	15,504	2,504	5,095	2,950	1,312	1,510	**6,840**	-12.2	***352.9***	7.5
Lake D'Arbonne State Park	3,515	2,303	1,525	1,481	1,474	1,376	**3,002**	-3.9	***118.1***	10.5
Longfellow-Evangeline State Park	15,270	8,920	9,474	10,044	7,794	6,946	**13,176**	-21.0	***89.6***	-16.4
Los Adeas	1,475	675	570	604	495	368	**640**	1,354.5	***73.9***	621.2
Louisiana State Exhibit Museum, Shrevep	23,600	86,000	15,200	6,100	7,100	10,100	**21,300**	-52.1	***110.8***	-19.4
Louisiana State Museum, New Orleans	37,007	47,937	31,247	3,382	4,863	5,842	**7,530**	19.9	***28.8***	173.1
Louisiana State Fairgrounds	30,025	615,300	24,675	64,050	36,360	130,250	**38,625**	4.0	***-70.4***	-16.3
Mansfield State Commemorative Area	3,274	1,982	1,920	2,150	2,069	2,685	**3,500**	-2.9	***30.3***	14.1
Old Arsenal Museum	3,187	2,799	2,537	2,988	1,304	2,069	**3,098**	-47.5	***49.7***	-17.9
Marksville State Commemorative Area	13,525	7,380	4,836	3,661	3,541	4,843	**4,595**	-67.8	***-5.2***	154.0
Old State Capitol	3,842	4,821	2,727	1,303	484	746	**1,941**	-72.0	***160.1***	-16.8
Plaquemine Locks	55	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	-100.0	***0.0***	1.2
Poverty Point State Commemorative Area	2,754	4,162	3,850	2,413	2,127	2,259	**5,114**	9.2	***126.3***	75.4
Rebel State Commemorative Area	2,020	5,537	1,129	1,221	1,173	1,041	**1,459**	6.3	***40.1***	-1.4
St. Bernard State Park	8,653	10,976	10,394	7,812	9,858	12,792	**27,575**	183.8	***115.5***	163.1
Sam Houston Jones State Park	28,308	10,928	19,284	28,764	17,977	21,661	**37,842**	-3.7	***74.7***	11.4
Winter Quarters State Commemorative Are	142	75	0	56	62	19	**86**	-21.2	***352.6***	5.6

Louisiana Tourist Traffic Data • Visitors To Tourist Information Stations — Per Cent Change

	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Greenwood*	25,272	15,063	14,140	8,452	6,848	5,085	**3,812**	-52.3	***-25.1***	13.2
Kentwood (I-55)*	22,251	21,253	18,103	7,215	3,461	2,923	**3,196**	-34.8	***9.3***	86.7
Louisiana State Capitol*	21,183	16,552	15,934	11,285	7,314	7,435	**6,181**	-35.3	***-16.9***	-1.9
Mound Center (I-20 W)*	16,629	10,203	10,127	8,571	7,721	4,231	**4,119**	-34.3	***-2.7***	1.3
New Orleans*	11,609	11,553	12,505	5,608	2,879	3,500	**5,045**	-23.8	***44.1***	-0.9
Pearl River (I-59)	63,170	50,911	75,780	39,077	27,001	19,555	**28,568**	-27.0	***46.0***	-24.2
St. Francisville*	4,957	4,071	5,339	2,392	1,104	1,125	**1,149**	-23.9	***2.1***	11.4
Slidell (I-10 W)	109,160	93,830	102,267	69,405	63,677	57,929	**78,079**	44.8	***34.7***	51.2
Toledo Bend*	2,701	1,992	1,690	1,025	731	483	**569**	-59.5	***17.8***	-1.8
Vidalia*	2,019	1,645	2,273	1,400	886	795	**804**	-27.9	***1.1***	14.9
Vinton (I-10 E)*	37,712	25,582	25.279	18,099	18,287	17,550	**20,043**	-15.0	***14.2***	32.3

*Effective November 19, 1984,these centers were reduced to Monday-Friday operating schedules andwere closed on weekends.

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The Division Economic Report

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United States

The U.S. economy was weak during the first quarter of 1985. Revised estimates indicate that the real Gross National Product (GNP) grew at an annual rate of seven-tenths of one percent during the period following a growth of 4.3 percent during the fourth quarter of 1984. The prospects for the rest of the year suggest that the national economy should grow approximately 3.6 percent during the rest of the year.

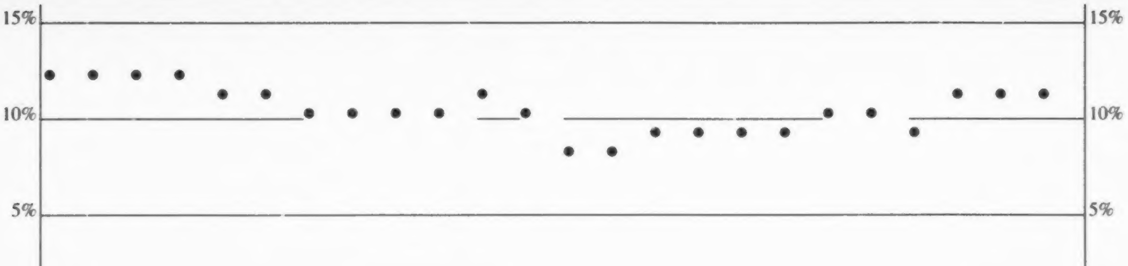
The Federal Reserve Board's Index of Industrial Production dropped two-tenths of one percent in April following a three-tenths of one percent rise in March. This means that the industrial production has been virtually stagnant since July of 1984. Seasonally adjusted retail sales increased nine-tenths of one percent following a revised seven-tenths of one percent decline in March. Total housing starts increased at an annual rate of 20.1 percent in April following a 14.3 percent gain in March. The moderation of interest rates is expected to stimulate construction activities during the summer months, although the rate of housing starts could decline in the fall.

The Louisiana economy made little progress in March.

The U. S. civilian unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) was 7.3 percent in April, virtually unchanged since the fall of 1984. Total civilian employment decreased two-tenths of one percent since March but increased 2.4 percent since April 1984. The U. S. Leading Economic Indicator decreased two-tenths of one percent in March following a revised increase of one-half of one percent in February. This suggests that national economic activity could be stymied toward the end of the year, although the recent action by the 'Fed' to reduce interest rates should provide additional stimuli to the economy.

Inflation has remained under control, although, recently prices have tended to increase more than in previous months. The Consumer Price Index increased at a 5.4 percent annual rate in March and the Producer Price Index increased 2.5 percent. Interest rates during the second week of May were lower than the rates a month ago. The prime rate dropped from 10.5 percent to 10 percent and the Federal funds rate which is the rate charged by banks to other banks for the use of bank reserves, was lower than in the previous month. The interest rate on AAA Corporate Bonds also dropped since the beginning of April. The Federal Reserve Board reduced the discount rate, which is the rate it charges for loans to banks, from 8.0 percent to 7.5 percent. This should prompt further reduction in the prevailing interest rates, which in turn will spur the economy during the coming months.

Louisiana Unemployment Rate



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Louisiana

The Louisiana economy made little progress in March. The seasonally adjusted total employment was virtually unchanged since February, although the total unadjusted employment level increased by 10,600 workers. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 11.3 percent, unchanged since February. Total non-agricultural wage and salary employment dropped by 600 workers. The decline in employment was mainly in the mining, transportation, services, and government sectors. A part of the decline was offset by increases in other sectors of the economy. Mining employment declined due to a reduced output of oil and natural gas. Transportation employment declined due to cutbacks in the trucking industry and in the ports. Employment in services declined by 1,100 workers due to a reduced demand for business services. The construction sector, durables manufacturing, wholesale and retail trade, and finance, insurance and real estate experienced employment gains in March.

The Louisiana Economic Indicator (LEI)[1] declined one-half of one percent in March. The decline was primarily due to a decline in the component predicting mining activities. Although the near-term outlook for mining is not encouraging, a pickup in activities is expected in the next six to nine months. Overall, the Louisiana economy is expected to benefit from the drop in interest rates that should revive construction and other interest sensitive sectors of the economy.

General state sales tax collections reported in March were 8.4 percent lower than in Febuary and 23.3 percent higher than in March 1984. The value of construction contracts was 2 percent higher than in February and 32.9 percent lower than in March 1984. New car and truck sales were 64.5 percent higher in March compared with February and 34.3 percent higher compared with March 1984. Crude runs to stills in February were 10.4 percent higher than in January and 12 percent lower than it was a year ago.

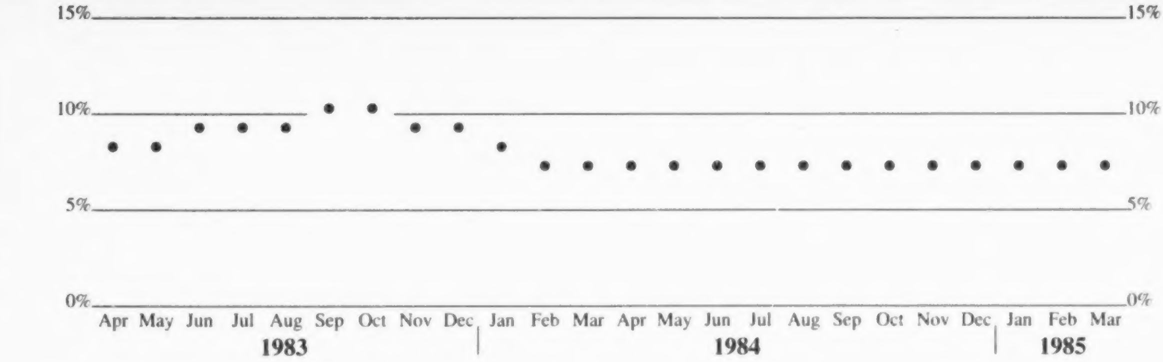
Comparing the latest twelve months with the prior twelve months, general sales taxes were 30.9 percent higher in the current period, partly due to the increase in the sales tax rate. The value of construction contracts was 12.6 percent lower and crude runs to still was 1.5 percent lower. During the past twelve months, new car sales increased 2.2 percent and truck sales increased 20.1 percent.

Metropolitan Areas

Table 1 shows the latest trends in employment and unemployment rates in Louisiana and its metropolitan areas. Shreveport had the lowest unemployment rate while Lake Charles continues to have the highest rate. The national ranking in column 5 of Table 1 shows that areas with higher unemployment rates had a higher ranking and vice versa. The ranking of 53 for Baton Rouge, according to unrevised February 1985 data, means 187 metro areas in the nation had lower unemployment rates and 52 had higher unemployment rates. Shreveport was ranked 71 and Lafayette was ranked 74. New Orleans was ranked 37 and Houma/Thibodaux were ranked 36. Lake Charles had the 7th highest unemployment rate among the 240 metropolitan areas of the country.

Comparing March 1985 with March 1984, Shreveport had the greatest percentage increase in total employment followed by Baton Rouge. During the past twelve months, total employment in Shreveport grew 1.7 percent while employment in Baton Rouge grew nine-tenths of one percent. Lafayette, Lake Charles, Monroe and New Orleans had

United States Unemployment Rate



declining employment. Baton Rouge had the greatest absolute increase in total non-agricultural wage and salary employment (6,600), although the gain was less than in the past two months. The gains in Baton Rouge employment were mainly in construction (4.2%); retail trade (5.8%); finance, insurance and real estate (6.4%); services, and state and local govenment (1.4%).

New Orleans

Construction, retail sales, port and airport activities provide measures of metropolitan economic activity in addition to employment. The value of construction contracts in New Orleans was 27.3 percent higher in March than in the prior month and 31.9 percent lower than in March 1984. Retail sales taxes reported in February decreased 14.8 percent compared with January and increased 64.7 percent compared with February 1984. Total cargo handled at the Port of New Orleans was 33.5 percent higher than in January and 2 percent lower than a year ago. The number of airline passengers increased 15 percent since February and increased 3.7 percent since March 1984. Comparing the latest twelve months with the prior twelve months, the value of construction was virtually unchanged and retail sales taxes increased 28 percent. The total cargo handled by the port increased 9.4 percent and the number of airline passengers increased 15.4 percent in the current period.

Baton Rouge

The value of construction in Baton Rouge in March increased 39 percent since the prior month and dropped 36.1 percent since a year ago. Retail sales taxes reported in February dropped 33.1 percent since January and increased 39.2 percent since February 1984. Total cargo handled at the port in March was 13.1 percent higher than in the prior month and 2.6 percent less than in March 1984. The number of airline passengers in March was 24.9 percent higher than in the prior month and 11.2 percent higher than it was a year ago. Comparing the latest twelve months with the prior twelve months, the value of construction dropped 9.6 percent during the current period and state retail sales taxes increased 26.4 percent, partly as a result of the sales tax increase. Total cargo handled by the port decreased 28.1 percent and the number of airline passengers increased 8.8 percent during the past twelve months.

Houma/Thibodaux

The value of construction contracts in Houma/Thibodaux was 156 percent higher in March than in February and 8.6 percent lower than in March 1984. Retail sales taxes reported in February were 27.6 percent lower than in the prior month and 96.1 percent higher than in February 1984. The value of residential construction contracts in the past twelve months increased 247.4 percent compared with the prior twelve months and retail sales increased 25.8 percent.

Lafayette

The value of construction contracts in Lafayette during March was 22.5 percent higher than in February and 2.4 percent lower than in March 1984. Retail sales taxes reported in February were 27.6 percent lower than in January and 29.4 percent higher than in February 1984. The number of airline passengers in March was 6.7 percent higher than in the previous month and 10.5 percent higher than it was a year ago. Comparing the latest twelve months with the prior twelve months, the value of construction contracts dropped 10.1 percent in the current period and retail sales taxes increased 30.2 percent. The number of airline passengers increased 7.7 percent in the latest twelve months.

Lake Charles

In Lake Charles, the value of construction contracts in March dropped 30.5 percent since February and fell 77.5 percent since March 1984. Retail sales taxes reported in February were 34 percent less than in the prior month and 30.2 percent higher than in February 1984. Total cargo handled by the port in February increased 53.1 percent since the previous month. The number of airline passengers increased 10.3 percent since February and dropped 20 percent since March 1984. Comparing the current twelve months with the prior twelve months, the value of construction contracts decreased 35.8 percent in the current period. Retail sales taxes increased 22.4 percent in the current period and the number of airline passengers increased 15.5 percent.

Alexandria

In Alexandria, the value of construction contracts was 216.1 percent higher in March than in February and 66.1 percent higher than in March 1984. Retail sales taxes reported in February were 32 percent lower than in the prior month and 33.4 percent higher than the taxes a year ago. The number of airline passengers in March was 28.3 percent higher than in February and 1.8 percent lower than in March 1984. Comparing the latest twelve months with the prior twelve months, construction contracts fell 15.4 percent in the current period. Retail sales taxes increased 35 percent in the current twelve months and the number of airline passengers dropped approximately 22.6 percent.

Shreveport

The value of construction contracts in Shreveport increased 12.0 percent in March over February and increased 27.8 percent since March 1984. Retail sales taxes reported during February were 27.9 percent lower than in the previous month and 33.2 percent higher than in February 1984 The number of airline passengers in March increased 26.5 percent from the previous month and increased 5.9 percent since March 1984. Comparing the latest twelve months with the prior twelve months the value of construction contracts was 4.6 percent higher in the current period. Retail sales taxes increased 25.4 percent during the current twelve month period and the number of airline passengers dropped 10.2 percent.

Monroe

In Monroe, the value of construction contracts increased 22.3 percent in March since the previous month and increased twenty-four percent since March 1984. Retail sales taxes reported in February fell 35.4 percent since the prior month and increased 40.9 percent since March 1984. The number of airline passengers in March fell 33.4 percent in a month and was unchanged since March 1984. The value of construction increased 23.7 percent in the latest twelve months compared with the prior twelve months. Retail sales increased 40.8 percent in the current twelve months and the number of airline passengers increased 16.4 percent.

[1] A measure of the interest rates is now an additional component of this index.

Table 1

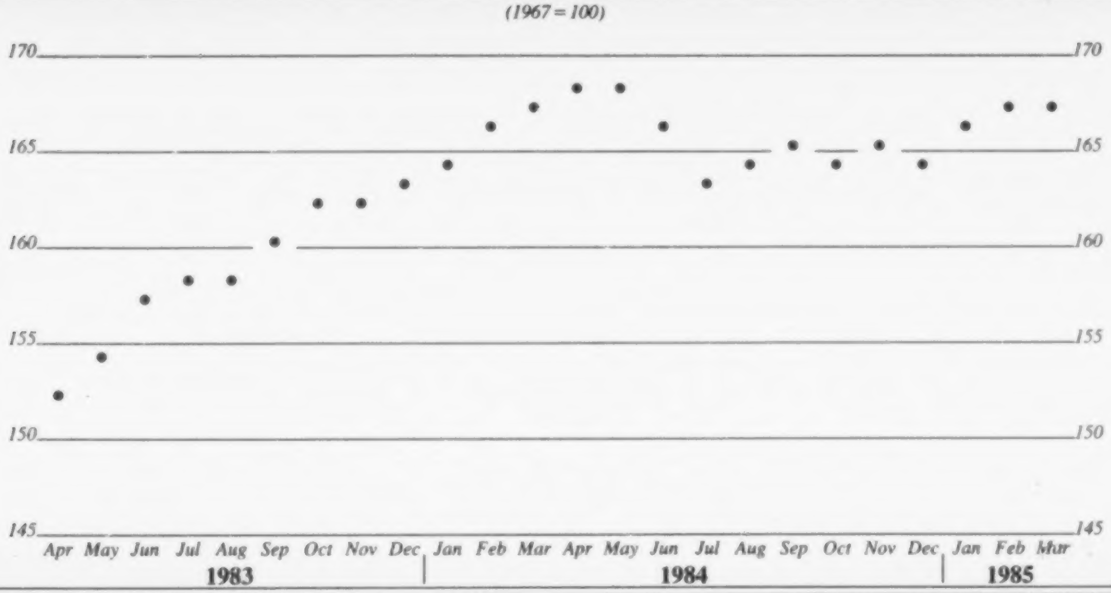
Data on Louisiana Metropolitan Areas

State/Metro Areas	Unemployment Rate Mar. 1985 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Unemployment Rate Feb. 1985 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Unemployment Rate Mar. 1984 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Ranking by Unadjusted Unemployment Rates Among 51 States and 240 Metro Areas Feb. 1985*	% Change in Number of Persons Employed 3/84-3/85
Louisiana	11.7%	11.3%	11.9%	11.3%	10.4%	10.2%	2**	-1.0%
Alexandria	9.6%	9.7%	9.7%	9.3%	8.4%	8.5%	53	0.2%
Baton Rouge	9.6%	9.7%	9.9%	9.6%	8.2%	8.4%	53	0.9%
Houma/Thibodaux	11.5%	na	11.7%	na	11.6%	na	36	0.8%
Lafayette	8.9%	8.6%	9.0%	8.6%	8.5%	3.3%	74	-2.8%
Lake Charles	15.6%	14.9%	15.8%	15.0%	15.2%	14.5%	7	-5.3%
Monroe	9.9%	9.6%	10.6%	9.8%	9.5%	9.1%	42	-1.9%
New Orleans	11.6%	11.4%	11.7%	11.3%	9.3%	9.2%	37	-2.8%
Shreveport	8.6%	8.2%	8.9%	8.1%	8.6%	8.3%	71	1.7%

*Ranked from highest unemployment rate to lowest unemployment rate The metropolitan area with the highest unemployment rate is ranked number 1 and the area with the lowest unemployment rate is ranked number 240.

**Louisiana 's rank among the 51 states.

United States Index of 12-Leading Indicators



Louisiana Leading Economic Indicator

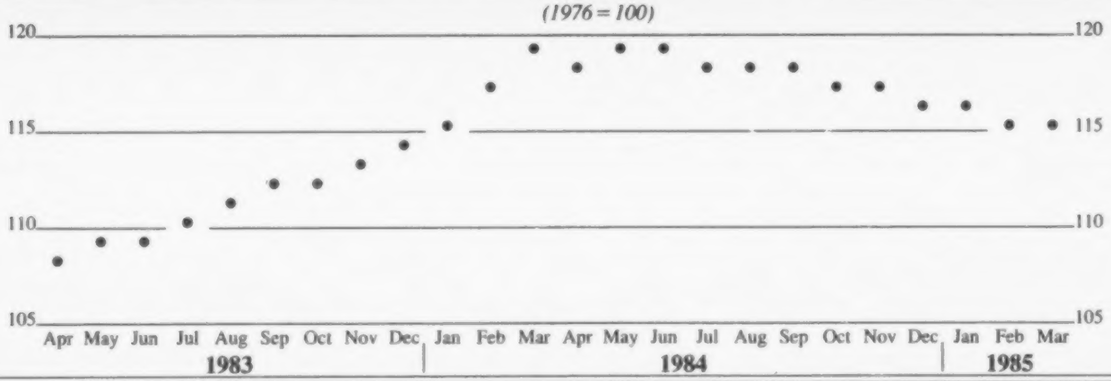


Table 2

	Unemployment Rate						Leading Indicators					
	Louisiana			United States			Louisiana 1976 = 100			United States 1967 = 100		
Month	**1983**	**1984**	**1985**	**1983**	**1984**	**1985**	**1983**	**1984**	**1985**	**1983**	**1984**	**1985**
Jan	11.8	**10.9**	11.4	10.4	**8.0**	7.4	106.9	**115.7**	116.1	145.2	**164.5**	166.6
Feb	12.7	**11.0**	11.9	10.2	**7.8**	7.3	107.2	**117.0**	115.7	147.4	**166.5**	167.5
Mar	12.7	**10.4**	11.7	10.2	**7.8**	7.3	107.5	**119.7**	115.1	150.2	**167.2**	167.1
Apr	12.4	**8.9**	na	10.2	**7.8**	na	108.1	**118.8**	na	152.5	**168.1**	na
May	12.3	**8.9**		10.1	**7.4**		109.0	**119.2**		154.4	**168.3**	
Jun	12.5	**9.4**		10.0	**7.1**		109.9	**119.0**		157.3	**166.8**	
Jul	12.1	**9.4**		9.5	**7.5**		110.8	**118.8**		158.2	**163.9**	
Aug	11.7	**9.4**		9.5	**7.5**		111.5	**118.6**		158.9	**164.5**	
Sep	11.1	**9.5**		9.1	**7.4**		112.0	**118.1**		160.0	**165.7**	
Oct	10.5	**10.0**		8.8	**7.3**		112.6	**117.6**		162.4	**164.1**	
Nov	10.7	**10.2**		8.4	**7.1**		113.4	**117.1**		162.5	**165.3**	
Dec	10.3	**9.8**		8.2	**7.2**		114.4	**116.6**		163.4	**164.4**	

Economic Indicators: Louisiana State Per Cent Change

								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Employment & Wage Statistics	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	1,983.2	1,992.8	1,974.5	1,893.4	1,916.1	1,919.7	**1,935.5**	0.8	***0.8***	1.5
Total Employed (000)	1,795.3	1,794.0	1,772.5	1,707.7	1,696.9	1,690.5	**1,705.0**	-0.8	***0.8***	3.5
Non-Agricultural Employment (000)										
Non-Agricultural	1,579.1	1,579.6	1,581.1	1,611.0	1,587.8	1,584.7	**1,588.5**	0.6	***0.2***	0.9
Wholesale And Retail Trade	373.6	374.3	376.1	389.5	381.2	377.8	**379.9**	1.7	***0.5***	1.5
Government	319.3	321.7	324.3	326.0	321.1	327.2	**328.3**	2.1	***0.3***	1.0
Services	312.2	312.7	311.9	313.3	311.2	313.0	**312.6**	0.9	***-0.2***	1.9
Manufacturing	183.0	182.4	183.1	184.1	181.3	179.1	**179.2**	0.3	***0.0***	1.5
Transportation & Public Utilities	116.2	116.1	115.8	118.2	118.3	117.3	**116.8**	0.2	***-0.5***	-0.2
Construction	113.0	110.8	107.1	114.1	110.2	106.9	**108.2**	-6.5	***1.2***	-3.1
Finance, Insurance, And Real Estate	83.5	83.4	83.6	83.4	83.1	83.2	**83.5**	1.2	***0.3***	0.5
Mining	78.3	78.2	79.2	82.4	81.4	80.2	**80.0**	-0.5	***-0.3***	-0.5
Total Unemployed (000)	187.9	198.8	202.0	185.7	219.2	229.2	**230.5**	15.0	***0.5***	-9.0
Unemployment Rate	9.5	10.0	10.2	9.8	11.4	11.9	**11.9**	14.4	***0.0***	-10.6
Unemployment Benefits Paid (000 Weeks)	190.0	217.4	225.2	223.7	304.3	269.1	**277.5**	7.0	***3.1***	-21.6
Unemployment Benefits Paid ($ Mil)	28.0	32.2	33.7	33.4	45.0	39.3	**40.4**	6.0	***2.7***	-24.6
Average Weekly Manufacturing Hours	42.0	41.1	42.2	41.8	41.2	41.5	**41.4**	-0.5	***-0.3***	2.6
Average Weekly Manufacturing Earnings $	416.34	407.71	436.66	433.88	423.54	427.87	**428.08**	2.8	***0.0***	5.4
New Claims (000)	30.5	32.6	29.0	39.5	43.9	32.6	**36.0**	3.7	***10.4***	-19.6
Exhaustions (000)	5.4	5.9	6.0	6.0	7.4	6.1	**6.6**	-5.8	***8.1***	-32.1
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Number of Recipients	174,248	199,643	206,233	205,314	279,915	247,224	**256,004**	na	***3.5***	na
Benefits Paid	$ 25,262,388	29,061,964	30,324,606	30,090,371	40,705,566	35,448,013	**36,651,131**	na	***3.3***	na
Federal Employees										
Number of Recipients	1,042	1,211	1,707	1,007	1,258	1,038	**1,003**	na	***-3.4***	na
Benefits Paid	$ 132,502	154,751	241,901	130,483	165,720	134,905	**124,498**	na	***-7.8***	na
Ex-Servicemen										
Number of Recipients	1,502	1,825	1,725	1,527	1,851	1,405	**1,467**	na	***4.4***	na
Benefits Paid	$ 226,616	273,183	257,221	228,353	274,147	205,896	**217,767**	na	***5.7***	na
Retail Trade	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	**Jan 85**			
Total Retail Sales	1,710	1,811	1,689	1,689	1,799	2,219	**na**	na	***na***	na
Total Department Sales	166	188	160	169	220	318	**na**	na	***na***	na
Revenue Collections $	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Alcoholic Beverages										
Liquor & Wine Tax	1,672,157	1,412,287	1,724,205	2,388,827	2,577,623	1,376,139	**1,358,841**	-12.8	***-1.3***	-1.1
Beer Tax, State	3,678,447	3,396,198	2,100,450	2,608,772	2,463,256	1,977,574	**2,579,866**	-1.7	***30.4***	-1.1
Retail Alcoholic Beverage	1,653,719	1,968,648	990,157	2,465,348	1,808,681	1,349,190	**1,813,221**	na	***34.3***	na
Corporation Franchise Tax	4,466,331	3,967,236	10,068,267	13,270,657	4,246,084	4,478,588	**7,984,315**	146.9	***78.2***	17.9
Gift	11,240	44,958	22,626	31,172	106,428	56,031	**214,752**	40.2	***283.2***	17.0
Hazardous Waste	na	642,537	7,621	838,094	1,598,493	4,986	**18,090**	na	***262.8***	na
Income										
Corporation Income Tax	46,287,499	12,909,996	11,716,800	33,605,229	3,011,987	2,001,967	**13,620,215**	13.8	***580.3***	-8.0
Individual Income Tax	28,504,874	52,313,378	36,500,746	44,349,367	61,766,780	20,733,303	**20,351,936**	83.1	***-1.9***	75.9
Inheritance & Estate Transfer	2,356,664	3,001,827	2,692,272	3,544,477	2,380,725	2,051,515	**3,349,715**	49.1	***63.2***	4.8
Natural Resources										
General Severance Tax	64,457,931	32,278,410	54,845,470	61,975,973	63,483,832	68,334,430	**58,037,393**	-15.2	***-15.1***	-10.0
Reforestation Severance	8,756	19,909	-4,926	266	39,091	5,735	**5,958**	-59.1	***3.8***	37.5
Occupation License	61,457	26,598	21,213	31,463	19,858	34,840	**12,574**	22.0	***-64.0***	-41.6
Petroleum Products										
Gasoline Tax	28,261,871	24,220,111	28,440,849	25,852,485	26,875,556	24,436,112	**26,174,971**	117.0	***7.1***	63.5
Inspection Fee (Gasoline)	78,725	67,950	87,354	65,486	52,113	61,890	**62,074**	-53.6	***0.2***	-4.6
Special Fuels	4,119,034	5,209,368	4,782,953	4,446,032	5,087,449	4,487,363	**3,597,827**	62.9	***-19.9***	67.4
Public Utilities & Carriers										
Inspection & Superision Fee	17,976	28,723	17,061	347,995	673,778	57,240	**6,814**	-57.8	***-88.1***	14.6
Natural Gas Franchise	3,421	320,554	1,326,693	865,670	618,386	1,832,522	**561,907**	-38.8	***-69.4***	-4.7
Transportation & Communication	42,715	698,250	7,502,276	35,401	1,723,347	5,794,573	**48,868**	-13.2	***-99.2***	2.1
Louisiana General Sales tax	87,305,653	86,511,857	91,034,764	86,774,111	110,736,120	79,068,821	**72,477,192**	23.3	***-8.4***	30.9
Soft Drink	842,057	1,078,669	907,767	781,860	945,389	704,855	**791,003**	-0.8	***12.2***	6.2
Soft Drink Permit	30	15	5,101	4,541	560	245	**35**	-12.5	***-85.8***	435.0
Tobacco	6,851,856	7,543,135	7,411,934	6,490,753	8,533,793	5,697,858	**6,632,726**	30.6	***16.4***	31.4
Tobacco Permit	10	35	10	255	300	145	**25**	-44.5	***-82.8***	-10.5
Unclaimed Property	47,398	765,471	127,586	184,579	18,918	7,136	**25,378**	-40.0	***255.6***	18.4
Other Taxes										
Beer Parishes & Municipalities	565,061	390,671	454,328	471,594	425,697	299,983	**380,037**	-8.8	***26.6***	0.3
LA Stadium & Exposition District	1,058,334	1,089,247	1,382,370	1,354,101	891,676	606,594	**678,909**	6.2	***11.9***	34.8
New Orleans Exhibition Hall	422,151	437,800	594,426	591,806	360,736	253,173	**258,588**	3.2	***2.1***	41.6
Motor Vehicle Tax	11,331,633	12,404,674	10,268,023	10,017,261	12,880,315	9,501,371	**12,587,477**	33.8	***32.4***	31.8
Royalties, Rentals, and Bonuses	44,488,101	44,087,977	51,457,576	42,806,262	43,779,111	44,562,673	**44,915,379**	5.9	***0.7***	na
Total ($000)	338,595	296,836	326,485	346,199	357,106	279,776	**278,546**	18.8	***-0.5***	31.7

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									Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
									Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Construction		Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)		970,690	969,923	951,185	991,327	1,046,651	1,090,333	**1,079,285**	-91.7	***-12.3***	na
Value of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)		302.3	459.9	420.4	406.4	309.7	258.2	**335.9**	-14.4	***30.0***	-11.0
Residential		137.1	186.9	110.5	86.5	125.4	91.0	**134.2**	-33.4	***47.4***	-12.6
Non-Residential		119.6	187.8	127.6	116.7	110.7	88.5	**129.4**	1.8	***46.2***	16.5
Non-Building		45.6	85.2	182.3	203.2	73.6	78.7	**72.3**	13.3	***-8.2***	-33.5
Number Of Construction Contracts		2,364	3,025	2,063	1,733	2,254	1,625	**2,656**	-34.3	***63.4***	-24.3
FHLB Construction Loans ($ Mil)		Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Construction											
Condominium	$	11.6	4.5	2.5	5.6	5.7	0.9	**0.4**	-89.5	***-55.6***	-29.0
1-to-4 Unit	$	14.5	17.5	19.9	12.6	16.8	10.5	**19.8**	-35.3	***88.5***	23.5
5 or More	$	8.7	2.7	14.6	0.6	2.6	0.5	**3.1**	-82.6	***520.0***	-35.4
Non-Residential	$	8.5	8.4	10.2	13.5	14.9	6.9	**16.6**	-30.9	***140.5***	-16.7
Purchases											
Single (New)	$	19.9	22.9	19.0	15.8	11.5	14.7	**14.6**	-19.4	***-0.7***	41.8
Family (Other)	$	37.9	41.5	35.2	28.9	20.8	21.3	**27.7**	-28.7	***30.0***	24.2
2-to-4 Unit	$	7.4	7.9	6.2	11.0	3.8	4.5	**7.2**	-4.0	***60.0***	29.6
5 or More	$	3.2	8.5	4.9	10.5	7.1	0.9	**5.2**	-63.2	***477.7***	-3.2
Non-Residential	$	33.6	28.1	20.5	29.7	14.8	19.5	**12.8**	-28.5	***-34.4***	31.7
Other											
Land Loans	$	16.2	22.3	17.1	22.4	20.0	21.6	**24.5**	775.0	***13.4***	90.9
Refinancing	$	34.4	31.7	27.1	36.6	27.0	24.8	**34.3**	-4.5	***38.3***	14.1
All Other	$	16.1	34.1	24.5	15.1	17.7	12.4	**22.8**	-2.2	***83.8***	80.5
Total Loans Closed	$	211.4	230.1	201.6	202.3	162.6	138.6	**189.0**	-19.5	***36.3***	-8.5
Loans in Process	$	397.7	368.8	367.8	325.3	316.2	302.0	**290.7**	-33.4	***-3.8***	22.7
General Business Activity		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Corporation Filings											
Domestic Charters		735	646	654	1,139	885	1,265	**1,079**	16.5	***-14.8***	-0.8
Amendments To Domestic Charters		81	53	97	147	107	170	**74**	-9.8	***-56.5***	na
Notices of Dissolution		48	35	76	77	49	75	**53**	39.4	***-29.4***	na
Dissolutions		158	83	159	235	180	326	**370**	640.0	***13.4***	304.0
Mergers or Consolidations		48	4	188	123	105	110	**60**	87.5	***-45.5***	99.3
Foreign Qualifications		153	105	123	94	139	144	**160**	18.5	***11.1***	na
Amendments to Foreign Charters		10	14	10	18	24	36	**40**	135.2	***11.1***	176.2
Withdrawals		47	38	19	40	44	55	**42**	281.8	***-23.7***	236.0
Telephone Lines (000)		1,742.4	1,738.6	1,736.6	1,730.4	1,727.1	1,732.0	**1,727.1**	0.5	***-0.3***	na
Foreign Coal Exports (000 Tons)		522.2	782.9	571.3	571.4	351.7	580.4	**457.9**	275.3	***-21.2***	na
Fuel Consumption (000 Gals)		Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Gasoline		160,193	182,696	166,924	177,255	165,439	169,542	**na**	na	***na***	na
Gasohol		3,168	3,237	6,693	8,212	6,492	2,067	**na**	na	***na***	na
Highway Diesel		31,984	29,563	27,390	31,374	27,625	21,924	**na**	na	***na***	na
Highway LPG		633	334	449	379	436	461	**na**	na	***na***	na
Total Fuel Consumption		195,980	215,831	201,458	217,221	199,994	193,995	**na**	na	***na***	na
Crude Petroleum Production		Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
North Louisiana (000 Bbls)		2,852	2,730	2,790	2,700	na	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
South Louisiana (000 Bbls)		na	38,970	40,548	39,780	na	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Crude Runs To Stills (Daily Avg.)											
CITGO Petroleum		238,847	225,172	225,172	202,917	201,536	133,145	**134,644**	-49.6	***1.1***	-10.8
CONOCO Inc.		116,223	116,223	132,584	116,733	103,115	117,228	**129,113**	-0.1	***10.1***	24.5
EXXON Company		452,945	417,405.	397,894	419,938	413,628	417,192	**435,599**	-3.9	***4.4***	-1.0
Gulf Oil Company		193,956	187,901	192,308	186,712	131,518	180,038	**182,903**	-6.6	***1.5***	10.5
Marathon Oil		185,167	165,152	164,669	174,557	166,041	165,547	**165,033**	-15.6	***-0.4***	-0.6
Murphy Oil Company		51,506	51,477	51,477	65,342	56,806	46,447	**52,051**	-9.5	***12.0***	-14.3
Shell Oil Company		204,606	193,396	193,396	187,132	191,746	165,739	**175,691**	-9.9	***6.0***	2.5
Tenneco Oil Company		76,322	87,080	91,198	134,071	135,014	71,609	**101,020**	13.1	***41.0***	11.6
Texaco Inc.		140,143	167,123	180,338	159,586	136,959	89,574	**169,477**	40.1	***89.2***	-7.2
Others		113,292	190,877	100,934	107,652	90,189	99,468	**95,939**	-40.3	***-3.6***	-3.6
Total		1,773,007	1,714,726	1,729,970	1,754,640	1,626,552	1,485,993	**1,641,461**	-12.0	***10.4***	-1.5
LOOP, Inc. Activity (Bbls)		Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Alaska		631,002	2,023,023	2,200,682	3,731,334	2,661,669	2,750,675	**2,296,406**	133.5	***-16.6***	135.6
Mexico		5,185,166	5,025,305	4,379,807	3,059,212	3,770,488	3,191,561	**3,013,535**	-5.0	***-5.6***	18.3
United Kingdom		0	475,638	518,406	497,257	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	-78.9
Iraq		0	589,078	391,766	0	628,689	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	24.0
Saudi Arabia		6,451,037	642,566	4,481,012	1,773,905	567,194	1,178,288	**0**	-100.0	***-100.0***	-1.1
United Arab Emerits		898,460	475,638	2,176,892	1,418,251	1,897,566	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	403.3
Nigeria		364,452	1,364,252	2,391,339	0	961,056	1,048,823	**0**	-100.0	***-100.0***	-42.4
Gabon		0	0	0	970,817	783,015	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	23.2
Congo		0	0	885,439	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	-15.5
Other		0	0	450,513	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	-73.5
Total		13,530,117	10,595,500	17,875,856	11,450,776	11,269,677	8,169,347	**5,309,941**	-10.6	***-35.1***	7.3

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Welfare Activity	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Aid to Dependent Children										
Total Assistance Payments										
Persons										
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value										
Recipients										
Medicaid Information										
Claims										
Benefits Paid										
Inpatient - General Hospital										
ICF Mental										
ICF I Services										
Physicians										
Drugs										

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Support Enforcement Services	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
New Applications Received										
Number of Cases that Paid										
Amount Collected										
Average Amount per Case										

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Gas Activity Report • MCF	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Field Intake	60,285,209	57,284,063	57,664,642	54,065,655	57,592,158	55,993,448	**51,045,073**	-15.7	***-8.9***	na
Pipeline & Other Intake	62,058,718	58,064,295	64,217,403	51,655,238	57,647,198	61,197,047	**55,191,466**	-17.8	***-9.9***	na
Sales to Pipelines	101,339,541	93,507,046	100,021,075	85,255,029	93,345,554	95,339,583	**87,025,673**	-18.3	***-8.8***	na
Sales to City Gates & Industrials	5,452,230	5,705,097	5,523,847	5,234,744	5,956,584	6,037,562	**4,433,952**	-23.1	***-26.6***	na
Return to Field	1,996,379	2,090,412	1,861,452	2,066,196	2,481,246	2,591,266	**2,355,067**	31.6	***-9.2***	na
Returned for Gas Lift	2,842,919	3,002,709	3,240,634	2,615,629	2,784,215	2,707,980	**2,690,407**	-10.1	***-0.7***	na
Returned to Reservoir	1,695,930	1,837,112	1,901,836	1,957,875	1,670,459	1,888,657	**1,668,275**	5.9	***-11.7***	na
Vented	267,408	218,497	191,543	155,113	165,483	184,989	**151,772**	-35.0	***-18.0***	na
Plant Fuel	3,826,682	3,821,618	3,795,414	3,498,757	3,601,861	3,489,210	**3,189,230**	-19.2	***-8.6***	na
Shrinkage and Other	4,922,838	5,165,867	5,346,244	4,937,550	5,233,954	4,951,248	**4,722,163**	-3.1	***-4.7***	na

Beer Sales Information	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Number of Cases Sold	4,909,632	3,532,013	4,184,607	3,668,933	3,794,900	2,942,859	**na**	na	***na***	na
State Excise Tax Revenue	$ 540,061	388,520	460,307	403,581	417,440	323,722	**na**	na	***na***	na

State Employee's Retirement	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Retirement Benefits Disbursed										
Regular	$ 10,132,029	10,479,314	11,982,815	13,643,005	11,650,452	11,852,408	**na**	na	***na***	na
Disability	$ 763,852	780,009	772,344	774,479	790,964	794,953	**na**	na	***na***	na
Survivors	$ 1,380,098	1,407,879	1,410,971	1,421,484	1,434,881	1,455,269	**na**	na	***na***	na
Total Benefits Disbursed	$ 12,275,979	12,667,202	14,166,130	15,838,968	13,876,297	14,102,630	**na**	na	***na***	na
Average Check Amount										
Regular	$ 731.66	748.04	822.43	889.90	758.99	770.54	**na**	na	***na***	na
Disability	$ 486.84	500.33	497.00	496.14	502.20	501.86	**na**	na	***na***	na
Survivors	$ 496.44	503.53	503.74	503.00	507.20	510.80	**na**	na	***na***	na

New Car Sales	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Buick	1,279	1,434	1,166	1,459	948	1,013	929	875	1,083	776	1,031	**983**	-19.5	***-4.7***	-5.9
Cadillac	494	437	374	457	331	379	350	305	407	292	338	**357**	-20.4	***5.6***	-12.4
Chevrolet	2,080	2,133	1,793	2,042	1,743	1,848	1,381	1,320	1,941	1,444	1,905	**2,222**	16.5	***16.6***	1.5
Chrysler	382	415	357	426	363	444	523	349	482	434	568	**581**	105.3	***2.2***	58.4
Datsun	622	835	867	967	562	417	677	687	na	na	734	**722**	24.2	***-1.7***	na
Dodge	422	610	315	372	345	454	509	328	531	452	600	**558**	80.0	***-7.0***	32.5
Ford	1,933	2,211	1,657	1,886	1,440	2,130	1,828	1,416	1,979	1,450	1,898	**1,954**	8.4	***2.9***	4.6
Honda	494	478	432	698	314	537	419	384	759	339	385	**479**	-10.3	***24.4***	29.3
Lincoln	279	321	312	315	305	397	397	282	393	247	316	**270**	-11.2	***-14.6***	21.5
Mazda	223	223	199	207	226	214	190	129	185	172	200	**201**	11.6	***0.5***	-9.0
Mercury	834	834	693	802	715	758	648	664	732	554	715	**711**	10.0	***-0.6***	13.0
Oldsmobile	2,132	2,127	1,668	1,769	1,327	1,285	1,236	1,160	1,669	1,266	1,509	**1,645**	-11.9	***9.0***	-18.0
Plymouth	257	329	200	209	197	273	307	233	372	332	427	**406**	97.0	***-5.0***	42.8
Pontiac	1,172	1,259	977	1,174	836	1,114	838	748	1,008	696	1,030	**1,252**	25.0	***21.5***	8.3
Renault	97	140	129	257	90	108	83	74	48	53	93	**86**	6.1	***-7.6***	-2.8
Toyota	550	819	840	1,068	744	801	714	661	928	700	768	**549**	4.9	***-28.6***	-0.5
Volkswagen	129	102	107	93	108	88	60	78	113	92	111	**125**	11.6	***12.6***	5.6
Volvo	142	169	131	121	75	81	74	113	128	87	129	**136**	-8.8	***5.4***	-12.2
Other	641	593	445	445	472	499	392	412	1,361	960	514	**482**	-1.5	***-6.3***	23.4
Total Car Sales	14,162	15,469	12,662	14,767	11,141	12,840	11,555	10,218	14,119	10,346	13,271	**13,719**	8.5	***3.3***	2.2

New Truck Sales	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Chevrolet	2,168	2,172	1,792	2,006	1,586	1,803	1,561	1,376	1,903	1,281	1,762	**1,817**	-4.7	***3.1***	-2.7
Datsun	322	399	299	225	178	300	276	298	na	na	368	**452**	82.9	***22.8***	na
Dodge	778	965	750	703	576	750	651	631	873	802	1,004	**1,006**	25.2	***0.1***	39.3
Ford	2,428	2,718	2,129	2,229	1,855	2,261	1,969	1,679	2,221	1,681	2,158	**2,177**	-5.9	***0.8***	1.0
GMC	697	661	499	590	437	641	508	399	545	382	513	**535**	5.5	***4.2***	7.1
Mazda	187	197	144	186	178	198	108	116	182	150	152	**140**	17.6	***-7.9***	16.4
Toyota	634	850	576	781	793	678	481	481	821	642	674	**592**	18.8	***-91.3***	142.4
Other	554	583	439	509	445	474	388	431	1,048	839	551	**671**	46.8	***21.7***	69.1
Total Truck Sales	7,768	8,545	6,628	7,229	6,048	7,105	5,942	5,411	7,593	5,777	7,182	**7,390**			

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								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Employment & Wage Statistics	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	542.2	544.6	543.3	561.4	570.3	568.6	**571.2**	0.1	***0.4***	2.4
Total Employed (000)	492.1	491.4	488.8	506.6	506.7	502.0	**504.2**	-2.6	***0.4***	2.6
Average Weekly Manufacturing Earnings $	378.73	367.88	373.20	419.02	422 99	430.95	**431.36**	-1.2	***0.0***	8.2
Average Weekly Manufacturing Hours	40.9	39.6	40.0	40.8	40.8	41.2	**41.2**	-2.2	***0.0***	4.6
Total Unemployed (000)	50.1	53.2	54.5	54.8	63.6	66.6	**67.0**	26.4	***0.6***	-0.1
Unemployment Rate	9.2	9.8	10.0	9.8	11.2	11.7	**11.7**	25.8	***0.0***	-2.8
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Number of Recipients	53,291	60,253	60,972	62,047	80,436	69,072	**73,945**	na	***7.0***	na
Benefits Paid	$ 8,055,067	9,170,774	9,395,661	9,440,908	12,130,755	10,333,617	**10,996,280**	na	***6.4***	na
Construction	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)	270,846	270,846	264,845	273,454	295,430	331,338	**300,463**	1.7	***-9.4***	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)	87.6	120.8	71.7	55.4	94.3	52.8	**94.1**	-15.7	***78.2***	-0.6
Residential	35.3	57.5	30.6	22.0	53.3	28.5	**36.3**	-31.9	***27.3***	-2.3
Non-Residential	52.3	63.3	41.1	33.4	41.0	24.3	**57.8**	-0.7	***137.8***	1.1
Number Of Construction Contracts	601	598	661	391	884	566	**615**	-40.5	***8.6***	-18.6
FHLB Constraction Loans ($ Mil)	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Construction										
Condominium $	0.3	0.5	2.0	1.2	0.9	0.9	**0.3**	-90.4	***-66.7***	na
1-to-4 Unit $	5.3	7.2	4.6	5.7	6.0	3.6	**6.6**	-56.6	***83.3***	na
5 or More $	8.4	1.5	8.3	0.0	1.1	0.5	**2.4**	-82.0	***380.0***	na
Non-Residential $	6.8	3.7	2.7	4.2	10.7	3.6	**11.0**	25.0	***205.5***	na
Purchases										
Single (New) $	11.2	11.7	8.8	6.7	5.0	7.1	**7.0**	-39.7	***-1.5***	na
Family (Other) $	24.6	26.8	20.9	16.1	11.4	8.4	**13.9**	-41.4	***65.4***	na
2-to-4 Unit $	6.9	7.3	4.9	5.6	2.7	3.6	**5.0**	-29.6	***38.8***	na
5 or More $	2.8	4.5	1.0	3.4	5.9	0.3	**0.3**	-91.9	***0.0***	na
Non-Residential $	15.8	24.3	16.3	18.0	11.7	13.7	**10.0**	11.1	***-27.1***	na
Other										
Land Loans $	5.7	6.3	9.8	9.5	6.2	1.3	**4.1**	78.2	***215.3***	na
Refinancing $	23.3	16.1	12.2	24.1	10.8	10.5	**17.6**	7.9	***67.6***	na
All Other $	8.0	20.5	11.0	7.4	6.1	3.7	**9.3**	52.4	***151.3***	na
Total Loans Closed $	118.8	130.4	102.7	102.0	78.4	56.8	**87.3**	-27.5	***53.6***	-18.3
Loans in Process $	216.6	192.6	192.9	161.1	147.2	152.2	**140.8**	-50.5	***-7.5***	na
Seaport Activity (000 Tons)	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Breakbulk Cargo	227.2	321.6	147.2	234.7	252.6	340.1	**305.1**	26.5	***-10.3***	27.2
Imports	198.5	249.5	145.1	206.4	243.4	269.9	**260.9**	28.9	***-3.4***	46.3
Exports	28.7	72.1	2.1	28.3	9.2	70.2	**44.2**	14.5	***-37.1***	-28.7
Container Cargo	179.9	131.3	203.3	168.6	113.8	198.7	**77.4**	-46.8	***-61.1***	-2.6
Imports	82.6	63.1	86.6	75.4	50.4	95.8	**40.2**	-37.8	***-58.1***	2.8
Exports	97.3	68.2	116.7	93.2	63.4	102.9	**37.2**	-54.0	***-63.9***	-6.7
Ro-Ro Cargo	61.2	85.9	74.3	52.4	86.2	134.4	**31.5**	-50.4	***-76.6***	18.9
Imports	21.6	31.0	25.4	18.1	28.0	41.8	**13.5**	-32.5	***-67.8***	25.5
Exports	39.6	54.9	48.9	34.3	58.2	92.6	**18.0**	-58.6	***-80.6***	15.8
Lash & Seabee Cargo	10.8	17.2	1.6	22.1	3.9	6.6	**11.5**	-69.4	***74.2***	-53.8
Imports	9.8	14.5	1.6	10.9	2.6	5.9	**8.6**	-67.4	***45.7***	-45.5
Exports	1.0	2.7	0.0	11.2	1.3	0.7	**2.9**	-74.2	***314.2***	-67.1
Bulk Terminal Cargo	108.2	155.5	64.7	70.1	120.7	91.1	**124.8**	-19.0	***36.9***	2.2
Imports	94.3	151.8	62.9	61.1	97.2	80.1	**120.2**	-15.0	***50.0***	18.0
Exports	13.9	3.7	1.8	9.0	23.5	11.0	**4.6**	-63.5	***-58.2***	-50.3
Total	587.3	711.5	491.1	547.9	577.2	770.9	**550.4**	-14.2	***-28.7***	7.7
Grain Exports	813.4	978.8	1,050.6	1,317.0	1,189.1	808.5	**910.1**	0.2	***12.5***	34.8
Vessel Arrivals	308	330	347	387	336	301	**332**	-8.1	***10.2***	5.2
Grain Deliveries (Mil Bushels)	27.8	33.4	38.0	42.8	39.4	27.4	**28.2**	-15.9	***2.9***	29.6
Coffee Imports (000 Bags)	235.6	329.7	0.0	296.0	226.0	241.2	**339.0**	36.6	***40.5***	3.3
Duty Collected ($ Mil)	15	17	19	19	18	16	**13**	-7.2	***-18.8***	22.6
Import Cars Loaded	198	256	218	226	286	234	**332**	-13.4	***41.8***	13.0
Airport Activity	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Cargo (Tons)	160	191	177	167	175	155	**163**	-21.7	***5.1***	-0.3
Flight Arrivals	5,687	5,823	5,049	5,034	5,074	4,369	**4,907**	-13 0	***12.3***	10.3
Passengers (000)										
Enplaned	285.1	309.4	263.1	234.6	218.4	243.5	**279.3**	2.5	***14.7***	15.5
Deplaned	286.2	315.1	258.6	223.3	225.4	243.3	**280.4**	4.9	***15.2***	15.3
Mail (Tons)										
Enplaned	616.8	927.5	478.0	851.5	618.1	608.3	**658.1**	10.6	***8.1***	13.6
Deplaned	638.5	641.2	657.6	870.0	669.5	545.4	**538.1**	-20.1	***-1.4***	0.7
Freight (Tons)										
Enplaned	1,091.7	1,082.3	1,182.2	1,112.2	1,185.7	855.3	**1,079.8**	-5.1	***26.2***	6.3
Deplaned	1,524.3	1,638.3	1,585.0	1,271.1	1,493.9	1,204.3	**1,269.8**	-19.1	***5.4***	-1.7
Express (Tons)										
Enplaned	3.8	15.6	15.4	8.2	5.3	10.5	**17.1**	43.6	***62.8***	-4.6
Deplaned	3.8	35.2	27.4	24.3	20.2	26.4	**29.9**	9.5	***13.2***	-4.3

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Gas Activity Report • MCF	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: **Prior Month**	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Field Intake	4,666,481	5,608,965	5,628,358	5,244,040	5,479,944	4,993,400	**4,425,305**	-4.4	***-11.4***	5.8
Pipeline & Other Intake	18,423,493	18,198,231	19,557,273	18,534,416	19,910,295	19,689,353	**17,130,235**	-14.4	***-13.0***	4.4
Sales to Pipelines	18,985,553	19,489,925	20,773,563	19,700,922	21,022,822	19,465,661	**17,614,133**	-14.7	***-9.6***	5.0
Sales to City Gates & Industrials	480,130	447,318	458,390	459,001	478,080	463,589	**435,756**	-3.5	***-6.1***	0.7
Return to Field	609,076	680,503	754,200	527,438	706,890	710,982	**745,076**	21.5	***4.7***	9.4
Returned for Gas Lift	1,209,508	1,150,400	1,180,098	1,123,056	1,187,097	1,178,434	**1,066,854**	-3.9	***-9.5***	-6.7
Returned to Reservoir	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Vented	2,157	1,160	7,415	1,870	2,024	6,389	**36,915**	1,921.6	***477.7***	-44.6
Plant Fuel	739,887	807,716	850,168	764,564	807,728	765,958	**722,632**	-4.4	***-5.7***	-1.8
Shrinkage and Other	1,063,663	1,230,174	1,161,797	1,201,605	1,185,598	1,091,740	**934,174**	-11.8	***-14.5***	8.2

Retail Trade	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	**Jan 85**			
Department Store Sales	48,930	53,298	49,316	50,859	66,274	97,974	**na**	na	***na***	na
Number of Department Stores	43	43	43	44	44	44	**na**	na	***na***	na

Beer Sales Information	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Number of Cases Sold	1,566,902	1,155,134	1,380,207	1,122,576	1,169,430	952,870	**na**	na	***na***	na
State Excise Tax Revenue	$ 172,359	127,065	151,823	123,482	128,638	104,822	**na**	na	***na***	na

Welfare Activity	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**
Aid To Dependent Children							
Total Assistance Payments							
Persons							
Food Stamp Information							
Coupon Value							
Recipients							
Medicaid Information							
Claims							
Benefits Paid							
Inpatient - General Hospital							
ICF Mental							
ICF I Services							
Physicians							
Drugs							

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Support Enforcement Services	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**
New Applications Received							
Number of Cases that Paid							
Amount Collected							
Average Amount per Case							

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General Business Activity	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Attendance at Conventions & Meetings	57,419	52,883	45,800	13,837	29,460	49,875	**54,150**	-15.7	***8.5***	-4.2
Telephone Lines (000)	792.4	793.0	790.9	790.7	792.5	789.1	**791.3**	1.3	***0.2***	na

Revenue Collections $	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Retail Sales Tax - State	21,842,030	22,559,553	23,782,375	21,913,157	27,401,996	23,348,542	**19,551,969**	21.5	***-16.3***	28.3
Severance Tax	5,236,856	3,327,018	4,487,722	5,446,799	5,234,888	5,606,311	**5,260,295**	5.1	***-6.2***	13.3
Minimum Royalty	4,023,893	4,314,632	4,112,950	3,782,129	5,547,235	4,897,991	**4,100,711**	na	***-16.3***	na
Hotel/Motel Room Occupancy										
LA Stadium & Exposition District	1,058,334	1,089,247	1,382,370	1,354,101	891,676	606,594	**678,909**	6.2	***11.9***	34.8
New Orleans Exhibition Hall	422,151	437,800	594,426	591,806	360,736	253,173	**258,588**	3.2	***2.1***	41.6

New Car Sales	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Buick	401	498	354	475	295	317	303	255	320	267	299	**339**	-12.0	***13.3***	0.1
Cadillac	169	148	113	147	93	138	125	108	113	101	110	**125**	-9.5	***13.6***	-8.6
Chevrolet	499	547	453	479	392	426	353	356	479	366	496	**602**	40.3	***21.3***	-2.3
Chrylser	91	79	55	102	88	106	97	71	117	72	153	**140**	169.2	***-8.5***	61.0
Datsun	254	292	340	387	230	167	272	258	na	na	235	**256**	9.4	***8.9***	na
Dodge	155	161	126	140	141	144	159	101	175	114	190	**164**	25.1	***-13.7***	1.8
Ford	597	675	558	663	463	616	591	463	532	452	627	**602**	-1.0	***-4.0***	1.0
Honda	160	144	142	228	86	124	131	97	213	93	125	**150**	-16.3	***20.0***	15.2
Lincoln	71	81	91	120	83	102	151	71	110	42	97	**79**	-9.2	***-18.6***	16.4
Mazda	92	66	65	83	83	60	60	45	64	52	56	**66**	11.8	***17.8***	-6.1
Mercury	220	234	208	237	200	199	164	161	210	153	177	**209**	24.4	***18.0***	17.9
Oldsmobile	589	599	472	484	363	371	370	336	450	377	380	**395**	-17.6	***3.9***	-15.4
Plymouth	59	75	52	64	64	65	75	63	108	92	95	**141**	243.9	***48.4***	43.3
Pontiac	345	281	290	305	252	293	231	220	272	185	273	**317**	20.9	***16.1***	30.0
Renault	36	42	43	79	30	34	24	19	22	20	28	**31**	-3.2	***10.7***	-28.8
Toyota	180	301	301	322	220	230	233	232	260	227	254	**174**	7.4	***-31.5***	-6.5
Volkswagen	44	35	55	45	50	55	25	42	49	52	48	**53**	140.9	***10.4***	31.6
Volvo	43	66	51	35	17	25	19	39	40	25	24	**44**	10.0	***83.3***	-15.3
Other	255	244	166	157	188	189	157	181	503	372	209	**195**	6.5	***-6.7***	17.7
Total Car Sales	4,260	4,568	3,935	4,552	3,338	3,661	3,540	3,118	4,037	3,062	3,876	**4,082**	10.5	***5.3***	1.4

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													Latest Month		Latest 12 Months
New Truck Sales	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**	Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	Compared With Prior 12 Months
Chevrolet	416	466	374	359	285	331	327	237	326	267	370	**383**	-6.6	***3.5***	-0.7
Datsun	96	91	84	51	47	66	68	53	na	na	74	**104**	70.4	***40.5***	na
Dodge	182	204	158	147	123	127	179	145	170	122	177	**245**	66.6	***38.4***	20.5
Ford	574	636	485	542	480	478	493	400	468	394	543	**556**	-1.6	***2.3***	-3.9
GMC	69	69	49	74	40	69	66	40	62	36	61	**79**	75.5	***29.5***	25.2
Mazda	35	28	22	26	32	29	16	20	29	21	25	**23**	21.0	***-8.0***	6.2
Toyota	183	231	178	187	180	189	130	125	173	201	217	**165**	16.1	***-24.0***	43.9
Other	146	160	118	165	105	115	126	141	279	223	153	**232**	45.9	***51.6***	87.6
Total Truck Sales	1,701	1,885	1,468	1,551	1,292	1,404	1,405	1,161	1,507	1,264	1,620	**1,787**	15.4	***10.3***	11.1

Economic Indicators: Baton Rouge Area / Per Cent Change

									Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: **Prior Month**	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Employment & Wage Statistics		Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		253.6	254.4	254.0	249.3	252.1	250.1	**251.0**	2.7	***0.3***	3.6
Total Employed (000)		232.2	231.4	230.7	227.8	228.3	225.4	**226.7**	1.1	***0.5***	4.4
Total Unemployed (000)		21.4	23.0	23.3	21.5	23.8	24.7	**24.3**	21.5	***-1.7***	-3.6
Unemployment Rate		9.0	8.8	9.2	8.6	9.5	9.9	**9.7**	18.2	***-2.1***	-6.9
Average Weekly Manufacturing Earnings	$	504.61	488.82	502.80	502.07	546.74	519.95	**536.59**	7.1	***3.2***	5.5
Average Weekly Manufacturing Hours		42.8	40.6	41.9	41.7	43.6	42.9	**44.2**	4.9	***3.0***	1.2
Regular State Unemployment Benefits											
Number of Recipients		22,322	25,539	26,620	25,247	30,676	26,156	**26,602**	na	***1.7***	na
Benefits Paid	$	3,563,171	4,072,042	4,285,349	4,101,455	4,960,184	4,173,097	**4,228,481**	na	***1.3***	na
Construction		Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)		30,211	30,211	30,546	38,751	40,306	39,025	**33,163**	2.5	***-15.1***	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)		32.5	96.1	49.1	49.7	54.7	38.2	**53.1**	-36.1	***39.0***	-9.6
Residential		20.1	39.4	17.0	16.9	28.2	18.6	**26.5**	-47.9	***42.4***	-21.7
Non-Residential		12.4	56.7	32.1	32.8	26.5	19.6	**26.6**	-17.4	***35.7***	8.0
Number Of Construction Contracts		328	1,626	845	264	651	308	**573**	-42.2	***86.0***	-21.7
FHLB Constraction Loans ($ Mil)		Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Construction											
Condominium	$	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	-100.0	***0.0***	na
1-to-4 Unit	$	4.7	5.6	1.7	1.4	3.3	2.0	**5.2**	-32.5	***160.0***	na
5 or More	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Non-Residential	$	1.0	3.5	0.9	0.9	0.3	1.5	**0.8**	-80.0	***-46.7***	na
Purchases											
Single (New)	$	3.5	4.0	2.8	3.0	2.3	2.6	**1.8**	125.0	***-30.8***	na
Family (Other)	$	1.6	3.2	2.3	2.2	1.6	1.5	**2.4**	100.0	***60.0***	na
2-to-4 Unit	$	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.0	**0.0**	-100.0	***0.0***	na
5 or More	$	0.0	0.0	1.9	2.1	0.0	0.0	**1.1**	1,000.0	***0.0***	na
Non-Residential	$	1.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.5	**1.0**	-80.0	***100.0***	na
Other											
Land Loans	$	0.0	1.2	0.0	2.1	2.5	0.3	**3.5**	0.0	***1,066.6***	na
Refinancing	$	1.3	1.1	3.3	2.8	0.5	1.4	**4.1**	2.5	***192.8***	na
All Other	$	2.0	2.2	3.6	0.7	3.9	2.7	**6.2**	113.7	***129.6***	na
Total Loans Closed	$	16.9	20.8	16.6	16.2	15.3	12.3	**26.1**	-1.6	***112.1***	1.6
Loans In Process	$	41.4	38.8	37.4	33.8	33.2	31.6	**33.3**	-24.0	***5.3***	na
Baton Rouge Port Activity		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Net Tonnage Summary By Facility											
Cargo Docks		17,313	22,795	35,221	29,372	25,379	44,407	**37,359**	19.9	***-15.9***	-24.6
Barge Terminal		14,338	8,585	10,293	14,319	14,554	11,640	**10,071**	-17.5	***-13.5***	10.4
Molasses Terminal		0	43,785	0	7,722	0	12,502	**3,603**	-38.9	***-71.2***	-0.5
Petroleum Terminal		70,393	66,444	10,730	35,758	38,740	53,215	**48,956**	-69.3	***-8.1***	-69.0
MS Mooring Facility		123,006	116,303	81,123	60,476	123,800	129,754	**162,588**	711.6	***25.3***	21.1
MISC. Mid - Stream		na	na	na	na	12,317	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Cargill Elzvator		na	na	na	336,950	213,428	232,932	**131,294**	-1.9	***-43.7***	na
Total		225,050	257,912	137,367	484,597	428,218	484,537	**393,871**	8.7	***-18.8***	-25.6
Coal Exports (000 Tons)		123,006	60,906	57,710	60,478	123,800	129,754	**140,763**	0.0	***8.4***	44.5
General Business Activity		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Airline Cargo											
Inbound		197,899	170,829	77,010	173,083	165,028	196,781	**189,567**	4.5	***-3.7***	2.1
Outbound		76,651	77,423	86,529	159,568	80,164	93,883	**96,152**	5.0	***2.4***	16.6
Airline Passenger Boardings		28,536	26,903	24,785	24,286	24,296	30,355	**29,343**	11.5	***-3.4***	8.6
Classified Advertisement Lineage (000)		1,373.9	1,316.9	1,210.0	1,173.2	1,215.8	1,430.9	**1,318.6**	-12.5	***-7.9***	5.9
Classified Advertisement Count (000)		106.6	100.2	92.2	97.4	92.8	113.1	**105.0**	-5.4	***-7.2***	1.5
Telephone Lines (000)		246.5	246.0	245.0	244.5	244.5	246.6	**244.5**	1.3	***-0.9***	na
Beer Sales Information		Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Number of Cases Sold		560,383	403,684	482,784	418,802	439,890	349,252	**na**	na	***na***	na
State Excise Tax Revenue	$	61,642	44,406	53,106	46,068	48,388	38,418	**na**	na	***na***	na
Welfare Activity		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Aid To Dependent Children											
Total Assistance Payments											
Persons											
Food Stamp Information											
Coupon Value											
Recipients											
Medicaid Information											
Claims											
Benefits Paid											
Inpatient - General Hospital											
ICF Mental											
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Economic Indicators: Baton Rouge Area — Per Cent Change

													Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
													Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Support Enforcement Services						Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
New Applications Received Number of Cases that Paid Amount Collected Average Amount per Case	The series has been temporarily suspended to verify the data, and to avoid Federal sanctions.														
Revenue Collections					$	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Retail Sales Tax - State						9,326,627	9,300,194	9,118,258	9,341,756	12,463,466	8,348,094	**8,466,992**	36.1	***1.4***	28.1
Severance Tax						3,714,178	2,753,586	3,508,975	3,732,500	3,614,585	3,513,769	**3,494,550**	-2.9	***-0.6***	17.5
Minimum Royalty						34,677	209,684	2,736,774	299,050	2,044,813	421,268	**367,106**	na	***-12.9***	na
Retail Trade						Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	**Jan 85**			
Department Store Sales						26,890	31,182	26,066	27,603	36,677	53,809	**na**	na	***na***	na
Number of Department Stores						26	26	26	26	26	26	**na**	na	***na***	na
New Car Sales	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Buick	151	150	110	198	114	97	110	102	117	92	175	**78**	-25.0	***-55.5***	-0.3
Cadillac	42	54	50	71	48	37	32	30	48	24	29	**42**	-44.8	***44.8***	-27.6
Chevrolet	280	292	216	296	242	234	194	201	242	148	210	**368**	72.7	***75.2***	12.4
Chrysler	45	76	59	86	68	68	54	41	61	46	64	**51**	59.3	***-20.4***	32.4
Datsun	99	173	158	211	91	64	111	156	na	na	153	**154**	67.3	***0.6***	na
Dodge	63	76	19	59	57	39	39	47	54	53	74	**45**	60.7	***-39.2***	61.0
Ford	197	348	180	259	153	185	166	115	299	126	234	**165**	-23.3	***-29.5***	-3.9
Honda	78	89	62	140	74	178	77	79	229	44	101	**96**	3.2	***-5.0***	70.8
Lincoln	25	37	40	29	22	34	29	29	49	27	23	**25**	19.0	***8.6***	24.6
Mazda	23	37	29	19	18	22	18	16	16	22	31	**24**	41.1	***-22.6***	2.9
Mercury	63	150	96	112	75	75	78	55	92	52	61	**50**	-37.5	***-18.1***	35.8
Oldsmobile	183	252	161	187	166	114	117	94	170	108	136	**148**	-22.2	***8.8***	-22.3
Plymouth	30	36	24	35	26	35	49	30	49	44	65	**43**	72.0	***-33.9***	55.8
Pontiac	141	207	98	167	102	127	100	98	111	84	123	**105**	-31.4	***-14.7***	-18.7
Renault	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	-100.0	***0.0***	-97.9
Toyota	145	279	279	401	311	293	227	209	368	241	264	**180**	10.4	***-31.9***	2.2
Volkswagen	21	19	11	18	13	7	8	6	18	14	26	**15**	-31.9	***-42.4***	-10.3
Volvo	49	57	39	45	38	29	27	36	48	28	68	**49**	-23.5	***-28.0***	-16.1
Other	109	107	64	83	96	95	54	57	247	176	76	**76**	-6.2	***0.0***	2.6
Total Car Sales	1,744	2,441	1,695	2,416	1,714	1,733	1,490	1,401	2,218	1,329	1,913	**1,714**	2.5	***-10.5***	0.9
New Truck Sales	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Chevrolet	190	279	161	267	229	174	137	180	203	125	193	**206**	-16.6	***6.7***	-1.8
Datsun	66	111	68	62	37	67	47	60	na	na	80	**94**	154.0	***17.5***	na
Dodge	137	169	88	164	82	113	85	89	99	117	152	**124**	-4.7	***-18.5***	9.0
Ford	224	388	238	303	226	233	192	181	278	175	249	**215**	-28.4	***-13.7***	-7.5
GMC	56	69	40	36	46	50	46	31	34	18	33	**34**	-10.6	***3.0***	20.8
Mazda	31	27	18	35	25	48	23	28	34	29	15	**17**	-29.2	***13.3***	10.3
Toyota	276	409	243	396	407	298	181	196	364	288	256	**226**	12.4	***-11.8***	22.3
Other	71	92	45	48	57	50	36	60	200	118	74	**74**	48.0	***0.0***	56.5
Total Truck Sales	1,051	1,544	901	1,311	1,109	1,033	747	825	1,212	870	1,052	**990**	-3.7	***-5.9***	9.5

Economic Indicators: Lafayette Area Per Cent/Change

									Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
									Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Employment & Wage Statistics		Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		97.8	99.1	98.7	108.1	108.6	108.9	**109.8**	-1.8	***0.8***	3.0
Total Employed (000)		91.9	92.6	92.5	100.3	99.3	99.1	**99.9**	-2.3	***0.8***	5.3
Total Unemployed (000)		5.9	6.5	6.2	7.8	9.3	9.8	**9.9**	4.2	***1.0***	-13.0
Unemployment Rate		6.1	6.6	6.3	7.3	8.5	9.0	**9.1**	7.0	***1.1***	-15.9
Regular State Unemployment Benefits											
Recipients		4,905	5,814	5,890	5,706	7,573	6,604	**7,206**	na	***9.1***	na
Benefits Paid	$	720,604	842,414	867,857	837,664	1,109,895	965,228	**1,058,104**	na	***9.6***	na
Construction		Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)		14,656	14,656	14,656	14,656	14,254	14,790	**14,790**	4.8	***0.0***	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)		13.6	26.9	10.1	21.1	10.4	10.2	**12.5**	-2.4	***22.5***	7.6
Residential		8.1	15.9	4.6	4.9	6.8	5.8	**4.8**	-53.4	***-17.3***	-10.1
Non-Residential		5.5	11.0	5.5	16.2	3.6	4.4	**7.7**	208.0	***75.0***	54.7
Number Of Construction Contracts		173	492	84	107	171	74	**85**	-36.6	***14.8***	-20.8
FHLB Constraction Loans ($ Mil)		Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Construction											
Condominium	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
1-to-4 Unit	$	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.9	0.1	**0.1**	-88.9	***0.0***	na
5 or More	$	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Non-Residential	$	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	**0.5**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Purchases											
Single (New)	$	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	**0.0**	-100.0	***-100.0***	na
Family (Other)	$	1.1	0.8	1.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	**0.1**	-91.0	***-75.0***	na
2-to-4 Unit	$	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	**0.0**	-100.0	***-100.0***	na
5 or More	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Non-Residential	$	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Other											
Land Loans	$	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	**6.0**	-100.0	***0.0***	na
Refinancing	$	1.5	1.9	3.1	1.7	2.8	0.7	**0.6**	-75.0	***-14.3***	na
All Other	$	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.4	1.0	0.7	**0.3**	0.0	***-57.2***	na
Total Loans Closed	$	4.5	4.6	5.9	6.6	5.2	2.1	**1.7**	-66.7	***-19.1***	-47.4
Loans in Process	$	7.4	6.6	6.1	4.8	4.9	4.5	**3.8**	-67.8	***-15.6***	na
General Business Activity		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Airline Cargo		29,302	25,696	27,333	30,704	20,824	31,711	**31,590**	-34.9	***-0.4***	-32.4
Airline Passenger Boardings											
Enplaned		10,598	10,124	9,461	10,352	9,810	10,469	**10,910**	19.9	***4.2***	18.6
Deplaned		10,442	10,552	9,282	10,267	9,485	10,338	**na**	na	***na***	na
Telephone Lines (000)		185.5	185.3	18.5	183.9	184.3	184.6	**183.9**	16.2	***-0.4***	na
Welfare Activity		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Aid To Dependent Children											
Total Assistance Payments											
Persons											
Food Stamp Information											
Coupon Value											
Recipients											
Medicaid Information		The series has been temporarily suspended to verify the data, and to avoid Federal sanctions.									
Claims											
Benefits Paid											
Inpatient - General Hospital											
ICF Mental											
ICF I Services											
Physicians											
Drugs											
Support Enforcement Services		Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
New Applications Received											
Number of Cases that Paid		The series has been temporarily suspended to verify the data, and to avoid Federal sanctions.									
Amount Collected											
Average Amount per Case											
Gas Activity Report • MCF		Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Field Intake		27,924,549	26,578,464	27,217,624	26,146,289	26,307,166	24,386,322	**22,828,644**	-16.0	***-6.4***	-10.8
Pipeline & Other Intake		20,788,240	18,597,463	21,997,369	12,457,050	16,258,759	20,769,127	**18,219,148**	-26.0	***-12.3***	-9.5
Sales to Pipelines		42,471,333	38,706,371	42,560,228	32,765,946	36,670,681	39,495,427	**35,493,351**	-21.8	***-10.2***	-10.7
Sales to City Gates & Industrials		38,694	41,422	39,346	38,396	43,448	49,862	**46,417**	-22.2	***-7.0***	-36.7
Return to Field		797,865	802,470	800,858	924,284	953,382	990,510	**996,821**	17.5	***0.6***	2.1
Returned for Gas Lift		806,698	1,281,080	1,310,440	828,167	819,614	777,982	**751,067**	-24.7	***-3.5***	-15.2
Returned to Reservoir		1,263,003	1,281,080	1,310,443	1,336,384	1,037,722	1,264,820	**1,193,305**	10.5	***-5.7***	3.0
Vented		52,373	52,208	44,033	35,639	33,040	29,296	**20,510**	-52.7	***-30.0***	-33.2
Plant Fuel		1,578,932	1,537,160	1,430,590	1,213,980	1,260,237	1,107,692	**1,029,973**	-32.6	***-7.1***	-4.5
Shrinkage and Other		1,703,891	1,796,585	1,911,629	1,460,543	1,747,537	1,439,860	**1,537,348**	-16.7	***6.7***	-12.5

Economic Indicators: Lafayette Area Per Cent Change

													Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
													Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Beer Sales Information						Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Number of Cases Sold						218,899	170,277	192,856	153,257	194,195	139,841	**na**	na	***na***	na
State Excise Tax Revenue					$	24,079	18,730	21,214	16,858	21,361	15,383	**na**	na	***na***	na
Revenue Collections					**$**	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Retail Sales Tax - State						4,668,881	4,632,224	5,468,215	4,291,796	5,421,703	3,928,177	**3,782,192**	22.4	***-3.8***	30.6
Severence Tax						474,456	406,672	397,398	427,596	366,167	687,105	**635,961**	8.0	***-7.5***	19.9
Minimum Royalty						4,200	6,565	8,466	5,136	17,867	4,156	**4,846**	na	***16.6***	na
New Car Sales	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Buick	64	46	40	68	38	47	37	32	55	27	42	**32**	-33.4	***-23.9***	-7.6
Cadillac	38	35	29	34	36	38	30	25	43	26	32	**24**	-17.3	***-25.0***	11.4
Chevrolet	115	85	83	86	71	92	88	63	96	62	93	**127**	16.5	***36.5***	8.6
Chrysler	20	30	23	30	18	26	23	29	27	16	36	**21**	61.5	***-41.7***	8.7
Datsun	50	77	79	65	42	34	67	53	na	na	75	**61**	38.6	***-18.7***	na
Dodge	18	22	17	30	33	44	28	19	20	20	22	**28**	16.6	***27.2***	52.0
Ford	132	93	88	77	71	104	77	84	125	70	93	**69**	-4.2	***-25.9***	13.5
Honda	39	36	24	38	19	20	19	25	39	19	22	**39**	14.7	***77.2***	28.4
Lincoln	14	22	31	13	16	22	19	30	35	20	19	**23**	15.0	***21.0***	40.4
Mazda	17	34	14	26	240	21	28	14	17	18	16	**27**	50.0	***68.7***	63.8
Mercury	34	34	31	43	30	30	38	38	32	36	29	**26**	4.0	***-10.4***	25.7
Oldsmobile	57	57	65	67	43	35	37	45	45	52	54	**68**	-5.6	***25.9***	-12.9
Plymouth	12	13	9	6	9	8	36	17	23	24	26	**23**	475.0	***-11.6***	53.7
Pontiac	61	65	60	66	50	60	41	54	31	43	49	**73**	5.7	***48.9***	17.8
Renault	0	0	0	14	6	17	11	7	2	4	9	**4**	0.0	***-55.6***	na
Toyota	27	31	28	41	21	28	26	25	27	24	23	**20**	-13.1	***-13.1***	6.2
Volkswagen	30	17	15	9	15	14	15	6	15	6	13	**21**	-16.0	***61.5***	23.0
Volvo	18	16	14	12	6	7	9	18	16	16	13	**15**	-34.8	***15.3***	-4.8
Other	75	46	47	46	43	53	35	36	124	94	55	**58**	-6.5	***5.4***	43.2
Total Car Sales	821	759	699	771	807	700	664	620	772	577	721	**759**	6.3	***5.2***	14.4
New Truck Sales	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Chevrolet	146	104	119	113	80	118	91	91	100	79	87	**124**	0.8	***42.5***	3.9
Datsun	30	24	21	16	12	41	50	43	na	na	49	**58**	114.8	***18.3***	na
Dodge	51	60	52	45	41	60	42	43	67	58	79	**69**	13.1	***-12.7***	54.3
Ford	105	121	96	81	92	98	77	58	98	47	101	**96**	11.6	***-5.0***	5.2
GMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Mazda	32	47	31	35	24	28	9	20	38	20	28	**18**	80.0	***-35.8***	69.2
Toyota	23	20	24	29	32	34	27	24	30	21	34	**21**	16.6	***-38.3***	112.6
Other	9	21	17	19	16	24	35	20	100	76	30	**31**	63.1	***3.3***	279.0
Total Truck Sales	396	397	360	338	297	403	331	299	433	301	408	**417**	21.2	***2.2***	30.4

Economic Indicators: Lake Charles Area

								Per Cent Change		
								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Employment & Wage Statistics		Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**		
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		75.2	74.9	74.4	74.1	76.4	74.3	**74.6**	-4.5	***0.4***	-3.7
Total Employed (000)		65.1	64.8	64.8	64.7	64.6	62.6	**62.7**	-5.3	***0.1***	-3.1
Total Unemployed (000)		10.1	10.1	9.6	9.4	11.8	11.7	**11.9**	-21.8	***1.7***	-9.3
Unemployment Rate		13.4	13.5	12.9	12.6	15.5	15.8	**15.9**	4.6	***0.6***	-3.7
Regular State Unemployment Benefits											
Number of Recipients		9,917	10,997	10,824	10,446	15,890	13,739	**13,605**	na	***-1.0***	na
Benefits Paid	$	1,520,495	1,655,584	1,597,726	1,565,542	2,477,721	2,111,562	**2,064,867**	na	***-2.3***	na
Construction		Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)		17,490	17,490	17,461	17,461	17,590	22,365	**22,967**	87.0	***2.6***	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)		3.9	3.2	3.1	2.5	3.3	2.3	**1.6**	-77.5	***-30.5***	-35.8
Residential		2.0	1.8	1.6	2.1	0.9	1.5	**1.3**	-64.9	***-13.4***	-38.4
Non-Residential		1.9	1.4	1.5	0.4	2.4	0.8	**0.3**	-91.2	***-62.5***	-33.0
Number Of Construction Contracts		42	39	34	24	25	34	**24**	-72.1	***-29.5***	-43.4
Gas Activity Report • MCF		Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Field Intake		4,593,141	3,678,127	4,492,260	3,726,801	4,023,725	4,354,359	**3,832,455**	-10.8	***-12.0***	-37.2
Pipeline & other intake		9,246,960	9,514,838	9,687,563	8,821,859	10,257,148	9,659,499	**7,609,717**	-21.8	***-21.3***	35.5
Sales to Pipelines		7,867,786	6,821,065	7,908,807	6,908,433	7,675,317	7,391,574	**6,488,389**	-17.9	***-12.3***	-2.0
Sales to City Gates & Industrials		4,829,003	5,125,123	4,922,594	4,617,098	5,326,557	5,372,977	**3,831,293**	-21.9	***-28.7***	2.0
Return to Field		5,906	8,848	7,796	5,172	8,145	8,228	**8,254**	-22.8	***0.3***	-37.6
Returned for Gas Lift		180,492	249,690	275,624	18,148	184,949	184,949	**363,642**	52.1	***96.6***	-12.6
Returned to Reservoir		11,353	59,907	88,877	118,937	119,424	119,424	**2,439**	-77.2	***-98.0***	188.7
Vented		47,517	49,435	47,283	31,531	45,974	46,010	**35,920**	-48.7	***-22.0***	14.4
Plant Fuel		285,262	287,236	290,481	241,176	267,403	263,120	**215,227**	-54.7	***-18.3***	-8.8
Shrinkage and Other		612,782	591,661	638,361	608,165	653,104	627,576	**497,008**	18.8	***-20.9***	-0.1
Beer Sales Information		Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Number of Cases Sold		198,122	132,765	164,781	145,196	152,156	120,900	**na**	na	***na***	na
State Excise Tax Revenue	$	21,793	14,604	18,126	15,972	16,737	13,299	**na**	na	***na***	na
General Business Activity		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Airline Cargo		18,000	18,000	18,800	18,800	16,400	17,300	**9,940**	-0.6	***-42.6***	16.8
Airline Passenger Boardings		4,000	4,000	3,000	3,200	2,900	3,200	**3,400**	0.0	***6.2***	14.2
Telephone Lines (000)		93.8	93.6	93.4	93.0	92.9	92.9	**92.9**	-21.3	***0.0***	na
Lake Charles Port Activity		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Port Shipments (000 Tons)											
Imports		206.3	79.9	101.0	103.2	112.9	183.4	**122.9**	-19.0	***-33.0***	na
Exports		302.5	330.4	188.5	149.1	213.4	316.3	**265.3**	-10.5	***-16.2***	na
Private Facilities (000 Tons)											
Imports		521.6	1,022.9	776.7	593.1	761.0	1,179.4	**1,362.7**	108.2	***15.5***	na
Exports		574.1	527.9	492.9	395.3	411.8	531.0	**504.4**	20.1	***-5.1***	na
Welfare Activity		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Aid To Dependent Children											
Total Assistance Payments											
Persons											
Food Stamp Information											
Coupon Value											
Recipients											
Medicaid Information		The series has been temporarily suspended to verify the data, and to avoid Federal sanctions.									
Claims											
Benefits Paid											
Inpatient - General Hospital											
ICF Mental											
ICF I Services											
Physicians											
Drugs											
Support Enforcement Services		Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
New Applications Received											
Number of Cases that Paid		The series has been temporarily suspended to verify the data, and to avoid Federal sanctions.									
Amount Collected											
Average Amount per Case											
Revenue Collections	$	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Retail Sales Tax - State		2,737,214	2,511,655	2,656,514	2,574,022	3,127,796	2,065,687	**2,280,054**	36.0	***10.3***	24.7
Severence Tax		1,009,448	2,207,101	1,700,528	1,263,145	1,738,085	1,800,427	**1,830,761**	43.5	***1.6***	21.3
Minimum Royalty		26,228	21,046	18,178	16,722	20,518	18,652	**12,648**	na	***-32.2***	na

Economic Indicators: Lake Charles Area — Per Cent Change

													Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
													Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
New Car Sales	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Buick	40	77	53	32	37	37	26	34	38	31	34	**41**	-21.2	***20.5***	-18.6
Cadillac	17	11	11	15	17	10	11	10	8	7	5	**7**	16.6	***40.0***	-6.6
Chevrolet	104	90	89	85	61	85	75	76	67	46	67	**132**	21.1	***97.0***	-4.3
Chrysler	2	3	3	3	2	2	5	11	22	14	20	**24**	0.0	***20.0***	na
Datsun	43	51	58	59	28	38	48	28	na	na	51	**35**	-14.7	***-31.4***	na
Dodge	2	0	2	0	1	0	6	17	30	26	21	**31**	0.0	***47.6***	na
Ford	99	83	65	87	65	62	55	45	79	55	85	**65**	-12.2	***-23.6***	18.5
Honda	18	20	24	27	12	18	14	16	19	27	14	**12**	-45.5	***-14.3***	0.4
Lincoln	16	19	8	17	14	20	21	14	14	9	12	**13**	-18.8	***8.3***	30.1
Mazda	3	5	5	8	6	8	6	3	5	9	3	**6**	20.0	***100.0***	-14.2
Mercury	43	25	27	29	37	32	29	20	19	27	23	**24**	9.0	***4.3***	20.5
Oldsmobile	85	69	57	68	57	48	41	30	55	42	47	**56**	-13.9	***19.1***	-20.8
Plymouth	2	1	0	0	0	0	9	8	10	14	24	**25**	0.0	***4.1***	na
Pontiac	71	95	48	71	65	76	55	27	50	64	67	**63**	8.6	***-6.0***	-2.6
Renault	8	6	9	5	7	18	10	4	5	3	12	**8**	33.3	***-33.4***	66.6
Toyota	17	11	23	27	18	31	27	16	30	18	22	**27**	58.8	***22.7***	21.3
Volkswagen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Volvo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Other	14	14	17	16	17	20	12	9	84	77	12	**8**	-27.3	***-33.4***	140.0
Total Car Sales	584	580	499	549	444	505	450	368	535	469	519	**577**	14.4	***11.1***	5.8
New Truck Sales	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Chevrolet	90	89	82	99	71	84	63	65	78	50	84	**101**	4.1	***20.2***	-11.6
Datsun	23	32	22	17	18	32	30	30	na	na	39	**42**	147.0	***7.6***	na
Dodge	8	9	3	3	4	13	17	31	65	41	61	**55**		***-9.9***	
Ford	121	88	80	83	72	81	70	67	68	49	54	**75**	650.0	***1,288.8***	49.6
GMC	86	87	59	83	61	95	87	48	75	39	76	**64**	3.2	***-15.8***	17.8
Mazda	4	6	3	8	6	3	5	1	5	13	7	**6**	200.0	***-14.3***	31.3
Toyota	11	14	20	22	22	26	31	16	38	17	16	**21**	90.9	***31.2***	122.8
Other	41	24	16	25	25	28	23	40	69	58	28	**34**	142.8	***21.4***	156.8
Total Truck Sales	384	349	285	340	279	362	326	298	398	267	365	**398**	252.9	***193.9***	36.7

Economic Indicators: Alexandria Area Per Cent Change

								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Employment & Wage Statistics	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	80.0	80.0	79.4	60.7	61.8	62.2	**62.9**	1.9	***1.1***	-1.5
Total Employed (000)	72.5	71.9	70.8	55.6	56.0	56.1	**56.7**	0.3	***1.0***	-1.0
Total Unemployed (000)	7.5	8.1	8.6	5.1	5.8	6.1	**6.2**	19.2	***1.6***	-12.0
Unemployment Rate	9.4	10.1	10.8	8.3	9.4	9.7	**9.8**	16.6	***1.0***	-10.0
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Recipients	4,657	5,696	6,064	6,654	8,089	7,590	**7,530**	na	***-0.8***	na
Benefits Paid	$ 602,698	758,106	829,328	938,112	1,113,728	1,030,128	**1,018,898**	na	***-1.1***	na
Construction	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)	71,456	71,456	70,839	76,826	70,633	70,343	**69,824**	0.9	***-0.8***	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)	8.2	8.6	5.9	5.3	7.3	3.1	**9.8**	66.1	***216.1***	-15.4
Residential	4.1	3.0	2.8	2.2	2.9	2.6	**4.3**	-14.0	***65.3***	-32.9
Non-Residential	4.1	5.6	3.1	3.1	4.4	0.5	**5.5**	511.1	***1,000.0***	25.9
Number Of Construction Contracts	66	66	48	34	45	47	**88**	20.5	***87.2***	-33.0
General Business Activity	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Airline Cargo										
Inbound	5,585	3,075	3,012	2,962	3,345	4,190	**na**	na	***na***	na
Outbound	18,000	12,000	5,408	4,937	5,040	5,591	**na**	na	***na***	na
Airline Passenger Boardings										
Enplaned	3,300	3,300	2,993	3,101	2,731	3,486	**na**	na	***na***	na
Deplaned	3,282	3,289	3,064	3,450	2,809	3,622	**na**	na	***na***	na
Telephone Lines (000)	99.7	99.6	99.5	97.0	96.8	96.8	**96.8**	-1.9	***0.0***	na
Welfare Activity	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Aid To Dependent Children										
Total Assistance Payments										
Persons										
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value										
Recipients										
Medicaid Information	The series has been temporarily suspended to verify the data, and to avoid Federal sanctions.									
Claims										
Benefits Paid										
Inpatient - General Hospital										
ICF Mental										
ICF I Services										
Physicians										
Drugs										
Support Enforcement Services	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
New Applications Received										
Number of Cases that Paid	The series has been temporarily suspended to verify the data, and to avoid Federal sanctions.									
Amount Collected										
Average Amount per Case										
Beer Sales Information	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Number of Cases Sold	137,741	95,041	114,362	105,530	106,036	44,097	**na**	na	***na***	na
State Excise Tax Revenue	$ 15,152	10,455	12,580	11,608	11,664	4,851	**na**	na	***na***	na
Revenue Collections $	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Retail Sales Tax - State	1,738,892	1,664,952	1,585,983	1,609,217	1,965,066	1,336,737	**1,309,986**	26.5	***-2.1***	35.5
Severence Tax	174,425	112,842	181,141	76,488	242,030	141,148	**140,708**	70.2	***-0.4***	1.1
Minimum Royalty	146	108	84	176	104	144	**88**	na	***-38.9***	na

New Car Sales	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Buick	27	51	27	48	35	23	23	21	55	16	34	**32**	-27.3	***-5.9***	-3.7
Cadillac	10	15	11	5	12	5	4	12	9	6	8	**4**	-42.9	***-50.0***	-19.9
Chevrolet	58	55	54	49	60	53	38	26	64	25	42	**58**	-18.4	***38.0***	-6.9
Chrysler	7	14	9	9	5	13	7	4	14	3	9	**6**	0.0	***-33.4***	38.8
Datsun	18	29	16	26	12	8	15	17	na	na	11	**15**	0.0	***36.3***	na
Dodge	8	9	4	7	9	10	10	5	15	10	15	**8**	-11.2	***-46.7***	23.5
Ford	59	62	54	59	67	46	50	39	62	60	51	**75**	108.3	***47.0***	9.4
Honda	18	23	16	25	13	17	19	16	37	21	17	**20**	-20.0	***17.6***	1.2
Lincoln	12	19	9	12	8	8	21	8	20	15	11	**14**	180.0	***27.2***	49.5
Mazda	15	11	13	15	12	14	9	4	10	11	11	**10**	-9.1	***-9.1***	-18.7
Mercury	42	43	15	23	35	34	30	23	50	33	38	**49**	63.3	***28.9***	138.5
Oldsmobile	80	73	54	45	52	55	29	30	65	65	31	**71**	20.3	***129.0***	-34.4
Plymouth	9	6	1	8	10	16	6	2	11	3	7	**3**	-25.0	***-57.2***	18.8
Pontiac	34	54	32	40	31	46	28	15	49	10	38	**31**	-3.2	***-18.5***	-5.8
Renault	3	7	10	5	6	6	2	6	3	2	3	**4**	-33.4	***33.3***	58.3
Toyota	11	8	12	14	10	5	19	4	16	12	9	**11**	-26.7	***22.2***	-31.1
Volkswagen	4	5	3	3	5	0	0	1	6	1	4	**9**	800.0	***125.0***	105.0
Volvo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Other	20	13	19	19	15	15	16	12	42	22	6	**10**	-28.6	***66.6***	-5.5
Total Car Sales	435	497	359	412	397	374	326	245	528	315	345	**430**	10.2	***24.6***	-4.3

Economic Indicators: Alexandria Area

New Truck Sales	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**	Per Cent Change: Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Per Cent Change: Latest Month: **Prior Month**	Per Cent Change: Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Chevrolet	42	83	53	56	58	41	45	34	72	34	53	**52**	-25.8	***-1.9***	-10.9
Datsun	13	22	13	7	6	13	11	12	na	na	11	**7**	-46.2	***-36.4***	na
Dodge	14	65	20	25	23	23	14	6	31	18	29	**22**	-26.7	***-24.2***	6.2
Ford	98	115	104	94	81	108	67	54	98	69	62	**91**	12.3	***46.7***	-0.7
GMC	24	12	14	14	14	17	15	13	18	15	13	**28**	100.0	***115.3***	14.5
Mazda	16	8	15	8	10	13	13	3	11	12	6	**11**	450.0	***83.3***	-1.6
Toyota	15	8	12	7	11	3	12	9	17	12	7	**11**	-21.5	***57.1***	-7.5
Other	29	32	24	21	39	27	23	15	63	38	34	**33**	50.0	***-3.0***	89.0
Total Truck Sales	251	345	255	232	242	245	200	146	310	198	215	**255**	3.6	***18.6***	4.4

Economic Indicators: Shreveport Area — Per Cent Change

								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Employment & Wage Statistics	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	174.2	174.4	173.6	158.5	160.4	160.0	**161.4**	2.0	***0.8***	0.0
Total Employed (000)	161.1	160.7	159.8	146.8	146.5	145.8	**147.2**	1.7	***0.9***	2.9
Average Weekly Manufacturing Earnings $	419.89	407.41	434.51	436.96	428.06	429.91	**416.15**	-2.6	***-3.3***	6.3
Average Weekly Manufacturing Hours	42.2	40.7	41.5	42.3	42.1	41.1	**40.6**	-5.9	***-1.3***	2.0
Total Unemployed (000)	13.1	13.7	13.8	11.7	13.9	14.2	**14.2**	5.1	***0.0***	-24.8
Unemployment Rate	7.5	7.9	7.9	7.4	8.7	8.9	**8.8**	2.3	***-1.2***	-24.5
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Number of Recipients	10,614	13,253	13,720	13,848	20,462	18,262	**17,790**	na	***-2.6***	na
Benefits Paid $	1,413,081	1,799,152	1,830,672	1,831,571	2,708,051	2,391,514	**2,301,401**	na	***-3.8***	na
Construction	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)	97,265	97,265	93,971	101,222	88,357	90,284	**99,859**	5.4	***10.6***	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)	29.9	38.5	22.6	12.2	19.1	29.1	**32.6**	27.8	***12.0***	4.6
Residential	18.3	18.2	13.2	6.3	7.5	6.2	**12.1**	-35.3	***95.1***	-26.2
Non-Residential	11.6	20.3	9.4	5.9	11.6	22.9	**20.5**	201.4	***-10.5***	57.0
Number Of Construction Contracts	307	231	236	216	130	108	**342**	-35.6	***216.6***	-37.9
FHLB Constraction Loans ($ Mil)	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Construction										
Condominium $	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
1-to-4 Unit $	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	-100.0	***0.0***	na
5 or More $	0.0	0.2	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.2**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Non-Residential $	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.4	**0.5**	-92.9	***25.0***	na
Purchases										
Single (New) $	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.2	**0.1**	-88.9	***-50.0***	na
Family (Other) $	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.6	**0.5**	-37.5	***-16.7***	na
2-to-4 Unit $	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
5 or More $	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Non-Residential $	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.2	**0.3**	50.0	***50.0***	na
Other										
Land Loans $	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	**0.0**	-100.0	***0.0***	na
Refinancing $	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.3**	50.0	***0.0***	na
All Other $	0.4	1.2	1.3	0.4	1.4	1.7	**1.8**	200.0	***5.8***	na
Total Loans Closed $	1.5	2.8	8.7	1.5	2.9	3.0	**3.6**	-64.4	***20.0***	-58.1
Loans in Process $	14.2	12.4	15.2	13.8	12.3	10.4	**9.5**	-41.0	***-8.7***	na
General Business Activity	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Airline Cargo	2,070,000	2,004,000	2,158,000	3,858,000	2,866,000	2,896,000	**na**	na	***na***	na
Airline Passenger Boardings	28,000	25,000	23,600	23,800	22,600	28,600	**na**	na	***na***	na
Telephone Lines (000)	193.5	193.0	193.1	191.9	191.6	191.6	**191.6**	0.5	***0.0***	na
Welfare Activity	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Aid To Dependent Children										
Total Assistance Payments										
Persons										
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value										
Recipients										
Medicaid Information	The series has been temporarily suspended to verify the data, and to avoid Federal sanctions.									
Claims										
Benefits Paid										
Inpatient - General Hospital										
ICF Mental										
ICF I Services										
Physicians										
Drugs										
Support Enforcement Services	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
New Applications Received										
Number of Cases that Paid	The series has been temporarily suspended to verify the data, and to avoid Federal sanctions.									
Amount Collected										
Average Amount per Case										
Gas Activity Report • MCF	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Field Intake	12,538,392	11,406,820	11,039,750	9,996,975	12,062,498	12,312,862	**11,080,143**	-16.9	***-10.1***	-4.9
Pipeline & Other Intake	1,250,985	1,446,180	1,609,357	1,206,175	1,127,867	1,163,887	**1,727,311**	50.4	***48.4***	-5.8
Sales to Pipelines	11,686,146	10,842,706	10,508,356	9,123,162	11,054,905	11,029,125	**10,535,801**	-14.7	***-4.5***	-5.1
Sales to City Gates & Industrials	103,297	81,649	78,638	71,797	68,001	67,203	**57,387**	-35.6	***-14.7***	-15.4
Return to Field	72,352	67,404	77,930	78,658	78,208	168,786	**161,025**	150.9	***-4.6***	-17.8
Returned for Gas Lift	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	-100.0	***0.0***	-100.0
Returned to Reservoir	301,695	329,708	319,163	326,343	338,182	341,851	**295,184**	-26.8	***-13.7***	-7.4
Vented	158,549	114,589	92,407	85,030	82,818	101,717	**48,182**	-58.2	***-52.7***	-55.6
Plant Fuel	738,362	709,937	747,789	718,161	746,541	795,540	**741,026**	5.9	***-6.9***	3.8
Shrinkage and Other	728,976	707,007	824,824	799,999	821,710	972,527	**968,849**	29.9	***-0.4***	18.5

Economic Indicators: Shreveport Area

Per Cent Change

													Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
													Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Beer Sales Information							Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**		
Number of Cases Sold							466,831	315,629	378,573	341,219	343,389	277,677	**na**	na	*na*	na
State Excise Tax Revenue						$	51,352	34,720	41,643	37,534	37,773	30,544	**na**	na	*na*	na
Revenue Collections						**$**	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Retail Sales Tax - State							6,536,771	4,855,147	5,973,699	5,803,476	7,210,482	5,202,108	**5,042,542**	26.9	***-3.1***	27.4
Severence Tax							3,340,655	2,087,830	2,734,509	1,870,841	2,247,264	2,513,978	**2,103,630**	-17.7	***-16.4***	-4.8
Minimum Royalty							107,165	110,470	104,688	108,280	129,225	97,545	**92,399**	na	***-5.3***	na
New Car Sales	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Buick	117	112	104	165	83	82	66	62	131	54	83	**98**	-12.5	***18.0***	7.5
Cadillac	46	42	40	58	39	31	35	34	29	35	44	**52**	23.8	***18.1***	-14.5
Chevrolet	183	207	195	180	163	198	112	103	210	114	206	**175**	0.5	***-15.1***	2.6
Chrysler	43	50	37	49	34	41	30	26	47	37	55	**39**	-2.5	***-29.1***	9.1
Datsun	30	45	47	49	32	17	47	38	na	na	33	**37**	8.8	***12.1***	na
Dodge	34	36	26	26	22	42	31	18	44	40	32	**41**	24.2	***28.1***	9.8
Ford	137	231	142	131	124	232	210	187	159	135	156	**228**	37.3	***46.1***	-3.2
Honda	29	33	16	43	17	31	26	21	36	19	19	**28**	-41.7	***47.3***	-12.7
Lincoln	52	40	28	45	75	83	44	28	56	20	23	**21**	-36.4	***-8.7***	0.5
Mazda	15	15	28	14	27	29	16	15	26	18	24	**14**	-33.4	***-41.7***	-15.8
Mercury	110	88	70	88	75	98	65	56	73	49	53	**58**	-29.3	***9.4***	-5.7
Oldsmobile	244	225	171	164	139	125	123	104	158	114	149	**172**	6.1	***15.4***	-15.4
Plymouth	27	26	23	19	15	24	13	17	26	41	83	**34**	61.9	***-59.1***	86.0
Pontiac	116	139	91	130	97	127	85	56	109	70	112	**106**	19.1	***-5.4***	8.1
Renault	20	23	22	18	12	13	20	10	8	12	4	**20**	25.0	***400.0***	-6.7
Toyota	43	35	47	66	22	50	43	30	31	33	35	**25**	-26.5	***-28.6***	-22.2
Volkswagen	12	8	6	6	14	7	7	10	12	7	9	**5**	-66.7	***-44.5***	0.9
Volvo	6	6	16	6	2	2	3	6	9	4	7	**9**	200.0	***28.5***	-15.6
Other	57	51	43	30	30	45	50	45	101	61	54	**60**	-3.3	***11.1***	-2.1
Total Car Sales	1,321	1,412	1,152	1,287	1,022	1,277	1,026	866	1,265	863	1,181	**1,222**	2.9	***3.4***	-3.2
New Truck Sales	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Chevrolet	213	178	143	153	151	167	130	106	151	77	164	**153**	-15.0	***-6.8***	-6.6
Datsun	20	19	16	8	11	7	8	14	na	na	26	**23**	109.0	***-11.6***	na
Dodge	49	76	76	56	46	74	54	44	67	54	78	**67**	-5.7	***-14.2***	17.4
Ford	210	216	160	189	160	194	196	122	164	153	136	**203**	2.5	***49.2***	7.9
GMC	26	29	30	25	23	26	16	16	18	22	26	**20**	-31.1	***-23.1***	-4.5
Mazda	14	19	20	16	22	20	6	12	18	12	22	**15**	-21.1	***-31.9***	9.4
Toyota	28	31	21	27	24	24	16	24	38	21	28	**28**	27.2	***0.0***	52.7
Other	61	76	45	65	65	63	53	35	89	82	56	**70**	32.0	***25.0***	29.4
Total Truck Sales	621	644	511	539	502	575	479	373	545	421	536	**579**	-0.7	***8.0***	7.0

Economic Indicators: Monroe Area — Per Cent Change

									Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
									Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Employment & Wage Statistics		Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		59.5	60.1	60.2	61.1	60.3	61.8	**62.3**	-0.8	***0.8***	0.4
Total Employed (000)		54.0	54.2	54.3	55.8	54.0	55.3	**55.9**	-1.8	***1.0***	1.4
Total Unemployed (000)		5.5	5.9	5.9	5.3	6.3	6.5	**6.4**	8.4	***-1.6***	-8.6
Unemployment Rate		9.2	9.8	9.8	8.7	10.4	10.6	**10.2**	7.3	***-3.8***	-8.6
Regular State Unemployment Benefits											
Recipients		6,168	7,204	6,824	6,743	9,635	8,834	**8,644**	na	***-2.2***	na
Benefits Paid	$	797,361	951,144	878,329	858,248	1,220,606	1,123,377	**1,091,557**	na	***-2.9***	na
Construction		Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)		21,070	21,070	21,070	22,381	21,695	21,695	**22,223**	1.9	***2.4***	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)		19.4	8.5	20.3	16.1	4.7	7.6	**9.3**	24.0	***22.3***	23.7
Residential		4.4	6.3	2.5	9.7	2.2	4.3	**7.1**	102.8	***65.1***	27.0
Non-Residential		15.0	2.2	17.8	6.4	2.5	3.3	**2.2**	-45.0	***-33.4***	20.9
Number Of Construction Contracts		78	121	43	206	39	51	**94**	49.2	***84.3***	10.2
FHLB Constraction Loans ($ Mil)		Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Construction											
Condominium	$	10.2	3.8	0.0	4.4	4.8	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
1-to-4 Unit	$	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	-100.0	***0.0***	na
5 or More	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Non-Residential	$	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Purchases											
Single (New)	$	0.7	0.5	1.3	1.1	1.0	1.8	**2.0**	-26.0	***11.1***	na
Family (Other)	$	1.4	1.9	3.4	3.3	2.7	4.8	**3.2**	-8.6	***-33.4***	na
2-to-4 Unit	$	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.5	0.3	0.8	**1.0**	0.0	***25.0***	na
5 or More	$	0.0	2.9	0.0	1.4	0.6	0.0	**0.7**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Non-Residential	$	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.6	**0.0**	0.0	***-100.0***	na
Other											
Land Loans	$	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.2	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Refinancing	$	1.3	0.5	0.6	0.5	1.0	1.4	**1.4**	-50.0	***0.0***	na
All Other	$	0.7	1.6	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.4	**0.0**	-100.0	***-100.0***	na
Total Loans Closed	$	16.1	11.7	6.6	11.4	21.4	10.0	**8.3**	-39.9	***-17.0***	na
Loans in Process	$	33.0	29.3	25.7	23.9	32.9	18.3	**15.7**	-49.1	***-14.3***	na
Gas Activity Report • MCF		Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Field Intake		673,518	668,056	704,619	688,505	695,251	657,492	**675,734**	9.4	***2.7***	1.5
Pipeline & Other Intake		309,507	36,693	27,501	21,233	26,959	18,767	**21,513**	-93.3	***14.6***	-7.0
Sales to Pipelines		328,525	23,804	19,111	11,340	21,159	17,873	**23,180**	-91.7	***29.6***	-4.3
Sales to City Gates & Industrials		0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Return to Field		26,078	26,671	26,565	25,660	25,899	23,844	**30,201**	-52.1	***26.6***	-51.0
Returned for Gas Lift		387,798	379,433	390,521	379,479	382,812	370,242	**360,684**	-8.6	***-2.6***	-7.8
Returned to Reservoir		119,879	166,417	183,353	176,211	175,131	162,562	**177,347**	117.9	***9.0***	139.7
Vented		6,298	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	-100.0	***0.0***	-39.3
Plant Fuel		69,266	61,230	63,493	62,307	64,435	61,997	**62,175**	-6.0	***0.2***	-1.9
Shrinkage and Other		45,181	47,194	49,077	54,741	52,774	39,741	**43,660**	-12.0	***9.8***	-10.9
Beer Sales Information		Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Number of Cases Sold		171,733	123,111	138,621	131,723	135,832	106,449	**na**	na	***na***	na
State Excise Tax Revenue	$	18,891	13,542	15,248	14,490	14,941	11,710	**na**	na	***na***	na
General Business Activity		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Airline Cargo		30,000	16,000	17,124	21,487	29,119	28,000	**na**	na	***na***	na
Airline Passenger Boardings		8,000	7,000	14,900	13,700	12,000	8,000	**na**	na	***na***	na
Telephone Lines (000)		130.4	130.1	130.1	127.6	127.9	128.2	**127.6**	-1.1	***-0.5***	na
Welfare Activity		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Aid To Dependent Children											
Total Assistance Payments											
Persons											
Food Stamp Information											
Coupon Value											
Recipients											
Medicaid Information		The series has been temporarily suspended to verify the data, and to avoid Federal sanctions.									
Claims											
Benefits Paid											
Inpatient - General Hospital											
ICF Mental											
ICF I Services											
Physicians											
Drugs											
Support Enforcement Services		Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
New Applications Received											
Number of Cases that Paid		The series has been temporarily suspended to verify the data, and to avoid Federal sanctions.									
Amount Collected											
Average Amount per Case											

Economic Indicators: Monroe Area

Per Cent Change

									Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Revenue Collections	**$**	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**	Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Retail Sales Tax - State		3,523,979	2,860,474	2,684,378	2,930,091	3,725,520	2,409,663	**2,245,603**	28.6	***-6.9***	42.1
Severence Tax		156,869	161,774	191,501	31,722	243,600	202,373	**156,377**	-2.3	***-22.8***	-9.1
Minimum Royalty		104	1,934	3,043	29,685	2,809	2,947	**7,538**	na	***155.7***	na

New Car Sales	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**	Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Buick	63	49	40	65	40	39	36	34	41	33	25	**53**	-13.2	***112.0***	-25.6
Cadillac	23	16	27	20	14	14	17	14	30	15	17	**14**	-36.4	***-17.7***	-5.6
Chevrolet	63	53	36	45	49	63	42	40	69	39	37	**71**	57.7	***91.8***	-5.1
Chrysler	24	21	14	15	17	20	17	15	17	16	23	**19**	111.1	***-17.4***	101.8
Datsun	19	19	20	19	21	18	21	21	na	na	20	**35**	66.6	***75.0***	na
Dodge	16	16	17	12	13	15	30	7	26	26	31	**32**	255.5	***3.2***	167.7
Ford	73	61	60	54	41	78	50	47	93	44	78	**65**	4.8	***-16.7***	23.3
Honda	29	30	35	42	15	30	43	29	43	21	19	**30**	-14.3	***57.8***	31.1
Lincoln	16	23	19	12	20	25	17	19	20	12	25	**15**	7.1	***-40.0***	36.8
Mazda	19	22	18	17	19	29	21	13	19	9	24	**20**	-9.1	***-16.7***	-11.9
Mercury	44	34	33	52	40	40	32	34	32	10	35	**47**	80.7	***34.2***	39.2
Oldsmobile	65	92	72	67	54	58	67	40	74	35	77	**99**	4.2	***28.5***	-22.0
Plymouth	10	5	6	7	9	11	15	9	13	11	16	**14**	1,300.0	***-12.5***	306.4
Pontiac	43	56	43	45	36	31	39	21	45	28	41	**54**	58.8	***31.7***	66.2
Renault	0	0	0	2	2	1	3	1	1	2	5	**0**	-100.0	***-100.0***	-63.9
Toyota	14	31	27	30	25	31	29	30	43	26	33	**19**	5.5	***-42.5***	40.8
Volkswagen	8	10	5	4	2	3	0	9	4	5	3	**10**	233.3	***233.3***	152.0
Volvo	13	15	5	13	6	9	8	4	11	6	6	**7**	-22.3	***16.6***	13.1
Other	28	18	13	19	10	21	13	14	43	25	25	**26**	36.8	***4.0***	56.4
Total Car Sales	570	571	490	540	433	536	500	401	624	363	540	**630**	24.0	***16.6***	10.7

New Truck Sales	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**	Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Chevrolet	83	68	71	60	71	96	62	64	100	62	99	**74**	29.8	***-25.3***	17.7
Datsun	11	14	7	5	3	13	10	16	na	na	8	**35**	133.3	***337.5***	na
Dodge	28	24	29	19	21	20	24	18	34	20	30	**45**	125.0	***50.0***	131.1
Ford	96	104	106	84	67	126	75	52	117	57	92	**114**	26.6	***23.9***	33.4
GMC	45	38	21	47	26	43	28	24	26	27	44	**38**	31.0	***-13.7***	-1.5
Mazda	26	30	15	27	28	30	19	14	24	20	25	**18**	-33.4	***-28.0***	4.9
Toyota	10	21	13	16	15	10	17	17	28	11	29	**18**	-5.3	***-38.0***	30.5
Other	19	36	21	25	18	35	16	20	51	41	20	**26**	23.8	***30.0***	3.1
Total Truck Sales	318	335	283	283	249	373	251	225	380	238	347	**368**	32.3	***6.0***	20.7

Economic Indicators: Houma Area

								Per Cent Change		
								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Employement & Wage Statistics	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	na	na	na	84.6	85.2	84.3	**85.3**	1.3	***1.1***	na
Total Employed (000)	na	na	na	76.7	75.5	74.4	**75.2**	1.0	***1.0***	na
Total Unemployed (000)	na	na	na	8.0	9.7	9.9	**10.1**	3.0	***2.0***	na
Unemployment Rate	na	na	na	9.4	11.3	11.5	**11.8**	1.7	***2.6***	na
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Recipients	6,506	7,083	8,345	7,887	11,414	10,303	**10,961**	na	***6.3***	na
Benefits Paid	$ 954,102	1,041,816	1,318,060	1,229,085	1,733,737	1,528,514	**1,622,738**	na	***6.1***	na
Construction	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)	84,405	84,405	85,079	60,995	59,030	32,368	**32,307**	-3.0	***-0.2***	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)	4.2	5.8	3.6	5.6	9.7	2.5	**6.4**	-8.6	***156.0***	na
Residential	4.0	4.9	2.9	1.8	1.6	2.2	**4.3**	-37.7	***95.4***	247.4
Non-Residential	0.2	0.9	0.7	3.8	8.1	0.3	**2.1**	2,000.0	***600.0***	768.2
Number Of Construction Contracts	59	58	33	53	41	36	**69**	-57.7	***91.6***	219.6
Gas Activity Report • MCF	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Field Intake	9,889,128	9,343,631	8,582,031	8,263,045	9,023,574	9,289,013	**8,202,792**	-21.8	***-11.7***	-15.3
Pipeline & Other Intake	12,039,533	10,270,890	11,338,340	10,614,505	10,066,170	10,896,414	**10,488,542**	-6.9	***-3.8***	3.2
Sales to Pipelines	20,000,198	17,623,175	18,338,340	16,745,226	16,900,670	17,939,923	**16,870,819**	-15.2	***-6.0***	-7.4
Sales to City Gates & Industrials	1,106	9,585	24,879	48,452	40,498	83,931	**63,099**	-75.5	***-24.9***	-76.5
Return to Field	485,102	504,516	194,103	504,984	708,722	688,916	**443,690**	133.1	***-35.6***	300.5
Returned for Gas Lift	258,423	264,555	276,525	266,779	209,743	196,373	**148,160**	-40.1	***-24.6***	-28.5
Returned to Reservoir	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Vented	514	1,105	405	1,043	1,363	1,577	**1,245**	-27.2	***-21.1***	-89.6
Plant Fuel	414,973	418,339	412,893	498,569	455,517	494,903	**418,197**	-0.7	***-15.5***	2.6
Shrinkage and Other	768,345	793,246	760,556	812,497	773,231	779,804	**741,124**	-1.5	***-5.0***	6.9
Beer Sales Information	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Number of Cases Sold	227,954	163,066	207,212	180,503	187,016	142,896	**na**	na	***na***	na
State Excise Tax Revenue	$ 25,075	17,937	22,793	19,856	20,572	15,719	**na**	na	***na***	na
Welfare Activity	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Aid To Dependent Children										
Total Assistance Payments										
Persons										
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value										
Recipients										
Medicaid Information	The series has been temporarily suspended to verify the data, and to avoid Federal sanctions.									
Claims										
Benefits Paid										
Inpatient - General Hospital										
ICF Mental										
ICF I Services										
Physicians										
Drugs										
Support Enforcement Services	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
New Applications Received										
Number of Cases that Paid	The series has been temporarily suspended to verify the data, and to avoid Federal sanctions.									
Amount Collected										
Average Amount per Case										
Revenue Collections	$ Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Retail Sales Tax - State	1,943,065	1,996,692	1,843,016	1,811,145	2,208,848	1,601,021	**1,645,345**	24.5	***2.7***	25.6
Severence Tax	8,424,101	7,596,784	6,490,737	9,015,300	8,453,693	8,532,971	**7,402,998**	-20.1	***-13.3***	-12.8
Minimum Royalty	5,574,810	7,370,433	6,219,336	5,992,332	9,289,882	5,951,421	**6,616,378**	na	***11.1***	na

New Car Sales	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**	Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Buick	60	70	52	72	38	47	45	29	58	26	41	**30**	-57.8	***-26.9***	-7.8
Cadillac	13	8	7	18	7	13	12	9	20	10	14	**10**	-37.5	***-28.6***	-7.9
Chevrolet	82	71	64	58	68	69	49	46	73	47	62	**59**	-25.4	***-4.9***	-0.8
Chrysler	17	24	21	16	17	15	19	14	16	11	17	**20**	66.6	***17.6***	31.8
Datsun	15	24	25	22	22	13	12	26	na	na	13	**17**	-19.1	***30.7***	na
Dodge	21	53	21	31	16	16	17	17	15	20	23	**26**	136.3	***13.0***	-6.8
Ford	73	62	50	42	62	52	50	50	47	51	78	**63**	18.8	***-19.3***	15.4
Honda	38	34	31	44	24	32	17	33	46	33	11	**27**	-15.7	***145.4***	62.9
Lincoln	10	13	9	4	11	18	12	11	15	11	14	**11**	22.2	***-21.5***	33.6
Mazda	7	4	5	7	6	3	5	2	3	9	4	**3**	-40.0	***-25.0***	7.4
Mercury	27	24	23	27	28	39	23	18	28	35	40	**20**	-16.7	***-50.0***	23.8
Oldsmobile	90	67	52	64	41	36	36	44	66	52	51	**51**	-13.6	***0.0***	-18.9
Plymouth	10	14	18	12	10	12	11	4	17	15	15	**20**	150.0	***33.3***	43.6
Pontiac	33	40	35	54	25	33	33	40	38	20	38	**54**	54.2	***42.1***	7.5
Renault	7	13	8	4	0	7	1	1	1	5	3	**0**	-100.0	***-100.0***	100.0
Toyota	30	37	30	40	28	42	20	28	23	25	19	**16**	0.0	***-15.8***	26.5
Volkswagen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Volvo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Other	20	12	13	13	7	8	6	5	27	20	21	**9**	-10.0	***-57.2***	147.6
Total Car Sales	553	570	464	528	410	455	368	377	493	390	464	**436**	-6.1	***-6.1***	5.6

Economic Indicators: Houma Area — Per Cent Change

													Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
New Truck Sales	May 84	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**	Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Chevrolet	118	72	71	70	54	72	81	41	66	53	71	**69**	25.4	***-2.9***	20.9
Datsun	12	12	14	11	7	9	12	17	na	na	13	**13**	8.3	***0.0***	na
Dodge	50	65	64	40	38	59	50	49	58	66	81	**75**	5.6	***-7.5***	11.9
Ford	74	93	69	69	52	70	75	58	63	57	74	**75**	7.1	***1.3***	4.6
GMC	40	28	23	32	24	19	27	24	40	29	21	**35**	6.0	***66.6***	-1.2
Mazda	2	7	2	3	9	4	4	4	3	1	4	**8**	60.0	***100.0***	45.7
Toyota	16	27	16	20	15	22	10	18	27	8	15	**23**	109.0	***53.3***	104.7
Other	19	29	20	26	19	30	13	18	44	48	30	**36**	200.0	***20.0***	169.9
Total Truck Sales	331	333	279	271	218	285	272	229	301	262	309	**334**	24.1	***8.0***	17.9

Louisiana State Sales Tax Collections By Parishes

Per Cent Change

									Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Parish	**Population**	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**	Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Acadia	59,369	556,297	513,699	463,791	497,783	584,071	455,772	**418,223**	20.6	*-8.3*	24.1
Allen	21,739	122,979	101,523	83,755	90,091	111,443	64,056	**65,179**	12.8	*1.7*	29.7
Ascension	54,618	621,203	582,712	580,474	576,885	938,210	584,263	**581,929**	46.9	*-0.4*	42.2
Assumption	23,955	70,608	70,956	72,038	61,765	73,975	48,544	**56,516**	19.5	*16.4*	7.9
Avoyelles	42,715	168,477	176,185	164,065	169,994	195,870	131,296	**135,176**	29.9	*2.9*	27.8
Beauregard	31,207	274,338	239,994	244,801	315,064	329,378	204,986	**187,787**	24.6	*-8.4*	89.3
Bienville	16,188	37,662	48,502	40,374	42,716	60,475	40,317	**37,273**	17.3	*-7.6*	15.2
Bossier	88,370	910,379	875,758	825,662	888,112	929,624	674,203	**576,933**	11.5	*-14.5*	28.6
Caddo	261,817	5,299,213	3,632,821	4,846,714	4,572,237	5,874,292	4,271,064	**4,225,109**	29.5	*-1.1*	26.3
Calcasieu	176,760	2,737,214	2,511,655	2,656,514	2,574,022	3,127,796	2,065,687	**2,280,054**	36.0	*10.3*	24.7
Caldwell	10,947	51,707	51,182	51,431	40,458	54,982	37,763	**42,199**	59.0	*11.7*	31.2
Cameron	10,139	54,111	69,920	83,429	58,714	66,053	75,334	**56,972**	54.6	*-24.4*	46.6
Catahoula	12,326	70,003	68,823	63,563	67,372	81,948	50,144	**34,062**	-27.0	*-32.1*	10.6
Claiborne	18,367	135,692	101,057	96,245	103,517	134,261	92,784	**73,979**	9.4	*-20.3*	36.9
Concordia	23,577	139,313	144,242	152,551	138,243	167,617	106,836	**104,790**	19.5	*-2.0*	36.9
Desoto	26,970	167,259	158,360	139,021	156,015	200,176	125,709	**136,150**	66.2	*8.3*	51.5
East Baton Rouge	389,503	8,237,799	8,273,589	8,140,734	8,379,208	11,055,967	7,384,771	**7,509,807**	35.6	*1.6*	29.2
East Carroll	11,671	68,989	116,643	49,405	58,267	70,539	43,336	**40,377**	-13.0	*-6.9*	38.2
East Feliciana	19,939	67,821	48,354	59,101	57,064	67,888	39,842	**42,658**	7.7	*7.0*	172.2
Evangeline	34,367	191,989	173,913	166,458	181,282	214,286	133,676	**134,409**	7.9	*0.5*	28.8
Franklin	24,509	111,524	131,249	117,501	120,543	148,474	69,841	**84,443**	11.9	*20.9*	29.1
Grant	17,621	13,418	31,953	17,746	15,100	23,816	17,844	**26,176**	134.3	*46.6*	35.0
Iberia	69,257	861,506	823,365	862,387	888,483	997,115	809,264	**742,627**	33.8	*-8.3*	39.5
Iberville	32,981	577,505	403,936	449,584	187,196	481,067	300,285	**330,831**	25.3	*10.1*	52.0
Jackson	17,309	175,518	215,351	62,394	185,386	168,029	129,587	**95,734**	62.9	*-26.2*	146.5
Jefferson	476,915	7,999,463	8,553,125	8,351,410	8,195,610	9,689,419	7,668,163	**7,651,202**	33.2	*-0.3*	36.5
Jefferson Davis	33,017	253,952	219,377	231,614	224,751	264,891	211,029	**206,524**	76.3	*-2.2*	32.4
Lafayette	169,694	4,668,881	4,632,224	5,468,215	4,291,796	5,421,703	3,928,177	**3,782,192**	22.4	*-3.8*	30.6
Lafourche	88,349	610,107	624,789	603,318	605,698	674,058	487,340	**546,847**	23.9	*12.2*	28.7
Lasalle	17,697	98,031	108,670	96,614	105,505	123,441	79,908	**63,378**	-18.1	*-20.7*	20.6
Lincoln	41,847	391,659	451,119	455,942	368,412	514,993	376,055	**300,983**	25.2	*-20.0*	24.7
Livingston	66,451	295,519	282,629	262,926	229,484	298,179	218,475	**215,005**	31.9	*-1.6*	26.3
Madison	15,894	69,749	66,023	65,268	63,238	83,893	53,440	**42,700**	13.6	*-20.1*	46.0
Morehouse	35,183	251,502	233,283	242,735	241,838	285,717	204,350	**187,014**	27.6	*-8.5*	119.5
Natchitoches	40,805	295,781	292,324	267,663	270,179	344,787	231,197	**202,114**	-64.3	*-12.6*	6.3
Orleans	567,062	11,977,473	12,360,047	13,578,022	11,883,878	15,632,514	14,121,957	**10,350,883**	24.4	*-26.8*	23.0
Ouachita	142,300	3,272,477	2,627,191	2,441,643	2,688,253	3,439,803	2,205,313	**2,058,589**	28.7	*-6.7*	35.5
Plaquemines	26,778	398,848	355,981	328,279	365,249	489,047	353,327	**327,919**	7.1	*-7.2*	8.8
Pointe Coupee	25,091	123,840	93,043	107,761	1,629,995	216,876	69,875	**62,534**	-17.7	*-10.6*	211.1
Rapides	138,346	1,725,474	1,632,999	1,568,237	1,594,117	1,941,250	1,318,893	**1,283,810**	25.3	*-2.7*	35.5
Red River	11,114	40,849	41,029	39,614	37,422	44,170	30,893	**30,840**	18.6	*-0.2*	15.0
Richland	22,785	123,087	152,728	129,599	118,379	172,124	86,810	**87,245**	20.2	*0.5*	24.8
Sabine	27,139	113,270	118,166	124,659	114,235	140,315	95,803	**92,026**	34.0	*-4.0*	31.9
St. Bernard	67,949	375,330	215,839	351,149	361,733	423,553	302,817	**278,918**	53.9	*-7.9*	63.1
St. Charles	41,103	415,295	326,344	436,067	381,472	411,472	343,928	**379,496**	-63.3	*10.3*	13.9
St. Helena	10,186	9,409	14,483	4,297	7,789	6,607	4,215	**4,996**	-71.5	*18.5*	-26.8
St. James	21,970	58,517	121,661	123,220	121,385	152,818	85,883	**123,730**	19.2	*44.0*	19.5
St. John	37,668	391,124	404,937	367,826	360,745	591,562	393,000	**358,442**	54.3	*-8.8*	51.3
St. Landry	87,800	587,405	606,526	555,973	561,140	667,559	494,928	**536,687**	32.3	*8.4*	25.1
St. Martin	44,455	235,272	280,028	233,056	245,984	288,996	196,002	**315,025**	138.7	*60.7*	39.1
St. Mary	66,950	897,767	856,736	844,011	849,709	908,289	852,612	**703,355**	29.4	*-17.6*	33.6
St. Tammany	128,130	1,074,469	1,104,198	1,065,727	1,090,464	1,245,038	911,677	**891,470**	9.2	*-2.3*	29.5
Tangipahoa	87,863	676,464	736,657	635,381	608,240	774,782	513,596	**520,223**	28.4	*1.2*	26.9
Tensas	8,244	25,757	34,510	21,071	15,981	27,249	16,701	**11,572**	7.6	*-30.8*	29.2
Terrebonne	102,038	1,332,958	1,371,903	1,239,698	1,205,447	1,534,790	1,113,681	**1,098,498**	24.8	*-1.4*	24.2
Union	21,734	80,263	81,643	78,271	76,467	95,508	70,028	**41,764**	-18.9	*-40.4*	24.5
Vermilion	52,445	338,481	319,570	335,905	371,672	398,845	296,255	**297,387**	28.9	*0.3*	22.4
Vernon	61,275	237,049	226,423	225,049	230,302	297,115	201,877	**184,238**	16.2	*-8.8*	23.1
Washington	45,765	212,400	217,713	194,798	193,101	274,139	167,682	**163,971**	21.9	*-2.3*	26.2
Webster	45,205	327,179	346,568	301,323	343,127	406,566	256,841	**240,500**	24.2	*-6.4*	41.2
West Baton Rouge	20,168	172,106	161,264	134,124	156,179	171,110	160,585	**160,251**	28.8	*-0.3*	-26.6
West Carroll	13,267	64,983	69,534	48,442	45,908	61,049	38,757	**42,459**	96.3	*9.5*	29.6
West Feliciana	13,269	179,532	169,533	3,770,447	221,373	244,220	156,114	**227,562**	41.0	*45.7*	205.7
Winn	17,575	124,205	104,440	116,238	115,595	156,809	100,865	**98,910**	31.5	*-2.0*	32.9
Out Of State		25,057,146	26,330,857	25,099,276	25,756,716	35,660,886	22,639,149	**20,286,536**	18.8	*-10.4*	32.6
Invalid		60	0	81	28	2,622	53,418	**2**	-50.0	*-100.0*	154.2
Total Sales Tax	437,847	87,305,657	86,511,856	91,034,687	86,774,113	110,736,116	79,068,820	**72,477,190**	23.3	*-8.4*	31.3

Louisiana State Sales Tax Collections By Commodity — Per Cent Change

								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
State Sales Taxes by Commodity	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**	Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Grocery Stores	3,217,727	3,502,649	3,262,415	3,313,204	3,618,508	2,994,177	**3,034,064**	44.6	*1.3*	47.2
Fruit & Vegetable Stores	126,096	113,017	122,710	93,684	120,134	96,325	**89,014**	-12.8	*-7.6*	3.7
Meat & Seafood Stores	399,174	373,587	364,291	351,757	396,059	315,214	**352,029**	29.7	*11.6*	22.2
Restaurants & Cafes	3,462,950	3,618,164	3,436,438	3,149,352	3,524,841	3,036,190	**3,262,421**	40.7	*7.4*	28.0
Saloons, Bars, Package Liquors	3,196,335	2,658,050	3,116,049	3,130,698	3,754,941	2,287,065	**2,700,789**	31.6	*18.0*	20.8
Dairy, Egg, Poultry	229,029	206,450	172,627	208,346	178,113	150,672	**161,721**	5.2	*7.3*	15.5
Bakeries	81,580	72,082	82,840	70,207	98,147	71,384	**69,214**	34.5	*-3.1*	35.7
Chain Stores (Food)	515,803	647,306	793,939	511,778	569,488	351,855	**496,461**	42.9	*41.0*	-1.2
Other Foods	1,868,345	2,085,382	1,946,054	1,616,557	1,936,532	1,398,425	**1,455,920**	28.2	*4.1*	40.6
Men and Boy's Clothing	327,007	311,511	325,007	396,402	691,023	296,110	**251,228**	20.4	*-15.2*	21.2
Women's Ready To Wear	764,881	783,911	796,725	860,012	1,299,347	704,655	**588,053**	26.8	*-16.6*	27.2
Millinery	521,962	720,784	533,082	740,933	1,365,722	529,399	**458,328**	42.5	*-13.5*	25.4
Shoe Stores	849,879	674,123	721,977	733,100	1,164,337	580,242	**581,351**	26.0	*0.1*	23.2
Salvage Clothing	5,164	7,578	6,466	6,922	9,288	5,659	**5,932**	15.2	*4.8*	25.9
Children's Clothing	65,945	64,601	56,163	59,330	88,129	56,749	**45,328**	26.2	*-20.2*	26.5
Chain Stores (Clothing)	193	371	271	0	616	76	**224**	-10.4	*194.7*	-86.8
Other Apparel	926,652	888,113	868,083	974,328	1,634,102	797,569	**663,309**	34.5	*-16.9*	34.9
Department Stores	3,387,195	3,164,734	3,084,392	4,180,061	6,306,995	2,456,775	**2,430,679**	28.7	*-1.1*	34.2
Country & Farm Stores	15,269	11,232	8,703	11,597	20,849	11,018	**8,247**	97.2	*-25.2*	14.0
Variety Stores	2,351.090	2,399,153	3,460,731	1.791,908	5,516,270	1,947,640	**1,849,559**	36.6	*-5.1*	39.5
Drug Stores	1,365,088	1,229,534	1,330,102	1,328,837	2,338,094	1,300,214	**1,385,465**	48.8	*6.5*	30.7
Jewelry, Leather, Sporting Goods	1,381,270	1,405,975	1,440,696	1,309,962	2,814,986	891,632	**952,204**	7.7	*6.7*	9.1
Feed & Seed	131,452	178,401	151,212	153,503	152,457	150,571	**157,653**	31.2	*4.7*	24.9
Hardware Stores	1,493,830	1,446,416	1,356,659	1,361,349	1,259,473	1,251,326	**1,181,562**	21.3	*-5.6*	17.8
Farm Implement Dealers	762,883	869,963	809,260	679,781	739,200	564,001	**578,518**	20.1	*2.5*	32.9
Chain Stores (General)	2,784,093	2,140,535	2,281,464	3,277,075	3,976,626	1,777,144	**1,818,221**	22.1	*2.3*	21.4
Other General Merchandise	1,792,633	1,324,968	1,205,690	1,250,517	2,049,985	905,556	**884,719**	23.7	*-2.4*	27.1
Motor Vehicle Dealers	981,428	862,336	978,761	887,128	843,559	915,051	**844,868**	26.8	*-7.7*	21.9
Auto Parts, Tires	2,538,452	2,419,790	2,438,313	2,406,933	2,266,370	2,173,960	**2,047,015**	17.0	*-5.9*	21.5
Service Stations	1,028,012	975,181	1,196,470	823,710	1,200,628	803,022	**902,684**	41.3	*12.4*	36.3
Garages, Repair Shops	1,044,166	1,201,707	1,054,359	1,012,229	1,237,411	1,034,218	**955,251**	25.5	*-7.7*	26.9
Diesel Fuel, Fuel Oil	98,717	83,779	66,857	81,014	67,874	63,710	**62,001**	66.5	*-2.7*	41.3
Marine Supplies	240,962	183,354	172,729	159,085	170,884	110,893	**181,738**	35.2	*63.8*	29.0
Motor Boats	150,693	89,669	90,741	69,986	119,556	73,392	**76,678**	-21.2	*4.4*	17.3
Aircraft	45,345	55,192	35,979	43,941	53,509	26,425	**45,242**	33.2	*71.2*	8.1
Chain Stores (Auto)	852,754	865,479	852,006	844,108	2,459,849	755,374	**690,791**	-34.0	*-8.6*	-5.5
Other Automotive	135,864	123,409	157,865	136,892	125,822	93,760	**115,831**	75.4	*23.5*	35.4
Furniture Stores	931,882	827,630	898,135	984,672	1,160,299	821,473	**711,423**	13.1	*-13.4*	20.9
Electric & Gas App	1,576,442	1,560,271	1,544,302	1,771,907	2,153,470	1,558,961	**1,221,391**	26.9	*-21.7*	29.2
Butane Dealers	801,733	821,268	825,049	761,160	762,484	735,724	**608,857**	-6.1	*-17.3*	12.6
Store, Office Furniture	1,703,434	1,663,960	1,898,237	1,613,322	2,164,413	1,419,157	**1,515,802**	31.7	*6.8*	48.7
Hotel, Restaurant Supplies	299,756	267,476	379,105	283,465	321,087	275,892	**252,164**	19.2	*-8.7*	35.6
Awnings, Blinds, Upholstery	355,595	358,244	360,672	382,404	600,988	303,405	**328,512**	12.3	*8.2*	32.5
Dental, Medical Supplies	463,414	481,016	461,340	431,439	580,260	568,729	**448,051**	42.7	*-21.3*	24.3
Safes, Locks	45,854	51,712	46,529	45,714	73,123	50,428	**35,808**	31.2	*-29.0*	39.3
Chain Stores (Furniture)	1,963	401	1,499	1,287	1,180	471	**1,063**	236.3	*125.6*	17.6
Other Furniture	347,218	380,871	358,262	351,701	444,296	322,093	**326,602**	25.1	*1.3*	25.1
Bldg Contractors, Construction	214,978	205,288	191,086	214,015	182,933	144,658	**853,280**	412.7	*489.8*	40.4
Lumber, Paint, Wallpaper Stores	5,037,159	4,827,967	4,659,519	4,610,241	4,044,762	3,528,993	**3,420,610**	-2.1	*-3.1*	18.5
Electric, Plumbing, Elevators	3,148,771	3,256,806	3,467,675	2,997,853	3,294,356	3,373,247	**3,077,013**	24.8	*-8.8*	51.5
Oil Well Equipment	3,405,160	3,178,944	3,488,575	3,040,885	3,986,707	3,161,566	**2,811,520**	24.4	*-11.1*	53.4
Contractors (Elect)	275,715	246,388	262,750	256,979	270,838	235,974	**220,533**	25.2	*-6.6*	22.7
Contractors (Paint)	19,514	23,863	19,369	17,082	20,988	15,384	**15,753**	32.5	*2.3*	62.1
Contractors (Roofing)	58,668	51,083	65,920	63,997	54,032	40,229	**42,669**	3.0	*6.0*	25.0
Trucks, Dragline, Etc.	2,014,950	2,333,582	5,981,960	2,188,015	2,102,485	2,267,956	**1,572,440**	-4.9	*-30.7*	39.0
Chain Stores (Lumber)	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	*0.0*	na
Other Contractors	509,724	430,869	390,353	372,206	350,188	349,040	**333,421**	2.3	*-4.5*	0.9
Hotels, Motels, Etc.	1,439,440	1,670,294	1,669,682	1,771,861	1,336,068	1,404,067	**1,191,985**	44.2	*-15.2*	57.0
Leasing, Renting	2,498,929	2,704,023	2,369,370	2,525,701	3,491,334	2,365,025	**2,286,647**	43.6	*-3.4*	24.2
Bowling, Billiards	31,378	33,914	33,156	29,771	22,901	31,131	**23,538**	38.7	*-24.4*	73.2
Laundry, Tailoring	364,157	372,085	402,239	379,417	445,349	365,020	**390,636**	6.8	*7.0*	25.4
Newspapers, Printing	904,845	988,340	924,140	932,060	1,137,133	842,151	**964,376**	39.0	*14.5*	38.3
Cotton Gins, Etc.	1,927	2,051	2,064	1,743	2,249	2,084	**2,010**	146.6	*-3.6*	166.2
Warehouses	43,061	49,751	40,870	37,343	49,549	43,122	**34,451**	17.7	*-20.2*	-10.9
Shoe Repair, Shine	18,940	20,800	20,239	20,485	35,432	18,018	**15,673**	12.2	*-13.1*	24.8

Louisiana State Sales Tax Collections By Commodity — Per Cent Change

	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Machine Shops, Welding	742,915	706,388	726,289	666,951	769,207	608,841	**551,832**	-1.2	***-9.4***	15.1
Other Service Groups	849,461	888,787	644,514	754,517	974,580	635,342	**553,928**	26.1	***-12.9***	33.4
Beverage Bottlers	788,763	588,406	608,423	507,604	497,945	435,149	**445,040**	15.6	***2.2***	25.4
Sugar Refineries	11,246	9,700	9,503	12,814	7,038	5,709	**1,660**	-72.6	***-71.0***	6.7
Petroleum, Natural Gas	117,316	-1,187,222	642,073	-330,476	198,768	215,107	**207,044**	62.2	***-3.8***	-4.8
Petroleum Refineries	506,480	294,130	308,094	240,205	444,474	468,023	**360,937**	-65.7	***-22.9***	4.5
Sawmills, Sash & Door	14,827	15,934	9,784	22,563	23,383	17,217	**11,599**	61.5	***-32.7***	62.9
Sand & Gravel	311,906	400,793	290,459	303,638	300,280	234,624	**230,847**	-8.0	***-1.7***	12.3
Rice Mills	1,070	1,318	738	2,968	1,568	657	**625**	-37.7	***-4.9***	-58.0
Cotton Seed Oil	2,947	3,710	4,496	4,358	4,678	2,803	**3,392**	94.0	***21.0***	55.1
Ice Manufacture	32,610	30,988	20,383	15,323	13,028	10,328	**11,602**	47.1	***12.3***	14.2
Other Manufacturers	6,992,967	8,888,060	7,296,404	7,056,657	7,109,704	6,225,745	**5,607,526**	9.4	***-10.0***	45.4
Railroads	0	20	0	0	20	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	-51.2
Bus Lines, Etc.	34,918	26,387	37,894	233	103	9	**264**	0.0	***2,833.3***	10,280.8
Pullman, Tank Cars	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Trucking, Freight, Etc.	534	1,290	331	501	1,540	1,882	**3,253**	229.5	***72.8***	43.7
Fire Protection	31,994	33,733	27,835	28,944	29,592	32,122	**27,806**	10.4	***-13.5***	27.9
Pipelines	278	1,337	2,374	26	3,530	783	**141**	-96.1	***-82.0***	-24.8
Light, Power, Gas	74,430	62,243	92,518	78,011	93,549	76,886	**65,172**	-45.3	***-15.3***	10.3
Telephone, Telegraph	21,834	19,830	10,897	24,979	19,156	11,019	**11,172**	3.4	***1.3***	76.7
Other Utilities	72,120	78,962	125,129	110,843	622,257	8,333	**38,297**	7.5	***359.5***	-28.5
Book Stores, Etc.	514,321	539,475	400,269	370,955	531,790	552,779	**353,799**	14.6	***-36.0***	28.7
Itinerant Vendors	13,487	13,713	12,690	10,210	11,492	6,427	**6,135**	-18.5	***-4.6***	13.3
Piano, Musical Instruments	312,633	345,809	330,750	386,053	532,917	252,324	**356,677**	44.1	***41.3***	13.9
Iron, Sheet Metal, Etc.	61,812	61,559	69,633	66,397	65,340	58,369	**59,104**	32.1	***1.2***	31.2
Photo Studios	324,906	352,097	345,647	324,658	437,145	282,364	**253,042**	20.3	***-10.4***	27.1
Cigar Stores, News	693,904	674,854	710,632	677,823	710,547	664,452	**617,942**	29.3	***-7.0***	24.4
Florists, Nurseries	257,417	275,763	274,143	271,694	423,151	225,810	**316,907**	40.2	***40.3***	30.5
Funeral Parlors	125,817	147,887	129,899	125,328	150,985	163,705	**157,783**	48.6	***-3.7***	26.9
Fishing Bait	96,952	165,919	185,549	128,523	149,997	133,409	**131,675**	37.0	***-1.3***	-5.6
Miscellaneous	8,211,664	8,028,250	7,708,447	10,360,592	12,863,081	12,090,788	**7,644,575**	43.0	***-36.8***	40.6
Common Carriers	305,484	389,496	372,014	357,271	414,014	331,621	**281,181**	23.5	***-15.3***	18.8
Others	124,114	84,860	96,724	80,998	72,632	94,747	**75,690**	-2.1	***-20.2***	47.9
Total Sales Tax	87,305,652	86,511,859	91,034,758	86,774,112	110,736,119	79,068,820	**72,477,187**	23.3	***-8.4***	31.0

Louisiana Local Sales Tax Collections - Parish School Boards

Per Cent Change

School Boards	Population	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**	Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
									Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Acadia Parish Sch B	59,369	322,996	203,439	258,812	332,753	250,674	302,036	**273,414**	5.9	***-9.5***	8.2
Allen	21,739	105,617	68,031	95,278	113,522	80,646	94,866	**119,635**	10.3	***26.1***	19.5
Ascension	54,618	923,990	763,856	811,899	1,002,060	957,515	836,595	**947,392**	8.4	***13.2***	12.0
Assumption	23,955	201,427	191,009	182,161	156,192	260,140	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Avoyelles	42,715	250,112	206,354	na	na	na	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Beauregard	31,207	165,537	151,682	151,719	210,717	141,735	178,556	**173,908**	2.7	***-2.7***	16.3
Bienville	16,288	107,738	49,687	83,000	64,640	75,114	93,808	**na**	na	***na***	na
Bogalusa (d)		95,379	98,925	111,576	91,069	89,809	115,332	**105,183**	26.7	***-8.8***	8.3
Bossier	88,370	982,419	553,935	765,612	823,158	602,685	689,787	**770,451**	-2.5	***11.6***	5.6
Caddo	261,817	2,081,272	1,605,449	2,008,392	2,250,985	1,440,378	1,869,858	**1,926,285**	1.9	***3.0***	7.7
Calcasieu	176,760	1,282,991	1,262,343	1,258,605	1,464,704	1,203,300	1,155,332	**1,319,153**	-0.2	***14.1***	-2.0
Caldwell	10,947	43,000	41,119	56,453	56,453	38,498	39,586	**55,842**	25.3	***41.0***	13.1
Catahoula	12,326	58,213	47,386	51,381	50,777	43,250	53,774	**50,355**	-4.0	***-6.4***	-19.0
Claiborne	18,367	83,687	71,862	62,842	94,548	61,295	55,850	**73,341**	-27.3	***31.3***	-16.7
Concordia	23,577	132,991	124,938	119,993	141,882	139,843	124,432	**na**	na	***na***	na
Desoto	26,970	255,251	119,442	159,640	199,118	110,837	140,374	**222,790**	8.0	***58.7***	-9.1
E Baton Rouge	389,503	3,042,144	2,911,267	3,814,841	2,828,614	2,735,843	2,319,175	**na**	na	***na***	na
E Carroll	11,671	43,207	29,639	43,421	39,015	21,372	38,261	**34,205**	-7.2	***-10.7***	-1.8
E Feliciana	19,937	219,007	99,432	167,044	163,429	95,300	283,724	**156,033**	8.2	***-45.1***	6.2
Evangeline	34,367	173,713	119,103	111,723	134,878	107,325	165,643	**229,501**	61.0	***38.5***	16.5
Franklin	24,509	155,145	130,475	88,414	263,598	118,417	143,573	**224,660**	108.5	***56.4***	25.1
Grant	17,621	43,178	34,672	31,001	31,449	38,769	26,515	**38,437**	-11.0	***44.9***	-0.3
Iberia	69,257	645,946	656,906	821,067	674,061	610,819	734,168	**727,178**	10.6	***-1.0***	13.4
Iberville	32,981	350,566	282,890	298,574	407,659	280,455	272,460	**294,988**	-36.4	***8.2***	-9.0
Jackson	17,309	146,935	165,509	181,222	110,150	153,620	165,921	**na**	na	***na***	na
Jeff Davis	33,017	188,497	175,169	171,808	313,379	177,115	159,227	**171,884**	-27.8	***7.9***	5.7
Jefferson	476,915	5,225,916	5,280,852	5,231,013	6,424,741	4,663,448	4,606,288	**5,351,495**	3.6	***16.1***	3.8
Lafayette	169,964	1,543,297	1,544,809	1,581,940	1,884,889	1,568,672	1,327,332	**1,912,413**	14.0	***44.0***	8.7
Lafourche	88,349	571,267	418,585	523,744	591,491	417,367	465,778	**499,518**	8.1	***7.2***	2.8
Lasalle	17,697	134,431	78,031	49,416	125,938	54,100	83,569	**88,399**	18.9	***5.7***	2.2
Lincoln	41,847	221,714	198,183	302,121	183,061	168,676	195,195	**206,674**	6.6	***5.8***	10.4
Livingston	66,451	518,005	507,152	434,273	545,034	449,014	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Madison	15,894	91,000	59,000	77,000	78,000	45,000	66,000	**73,000**	8.9	***10.6***	8.2
Monroe		190,152	168,410	166,638	229,762	145,398	157,244	**180,646**	2.8	***14.8***	8.2
Morehouse	35,183	202,617	137,121	155,780	117,413	104,459	na	**135,994**	-0.1	***-1,460.0***	na
Natchitoches	40,805	250,481	160,694	197,084	226,131	153,938	178,517	**205,847**	2.1	***15.3***	7.1
Orleans	567,062	5,202,755	5,192,704	4,394,116	5,624,718	3,418,434	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Ouachita	142,300	310,247	274,774	271,883	374,875	237,228	256,555	**294,739**	2.8	***14.8***	8.2
Plaquemine	26,778	297,279	347,242	282,487	353,209	300,196	324,158	**323,205**	3.2	***-0.3***	-1.0
Pointe Coupee	25,091	131,379	163,348	90,530	217,420	116,809	80,653	**121,983**	0.1	***51.2***	8.2
Red River	11,114	44,837	29,927	35,287	34,557	40,592	44,215	**35,477**	-6.9	***-19.8***	4.7
Richland	22,785	118,238	102,831	200,552	125,206	123,759	177,310	**42,152**	-69.0	***-76.3***	6.2
Sabine	27,139	125,838	89,082	118,191	106,899	86,433	109,136	**112,516**	-6.8	***3.0***	1.2
St Bernard	67,949	512,317	481,320	645,901	454,195	415,252	547,543	**na**	na	***na***	na
St Charles	41,103	617,200	454,904	1,056,690	622,883	703,674	956,913	**804,707**	19.6	***-16.0***	5.8
St Helena	10,186	40,703	22,021	20,312	29,814	24,821	25,160	**31,206**	-15.7	***24.0***	-0.9
St James	21,970	385,340	367,389	312,872	400,543	356,484	316,788	**365,460**	-34.8	***15.3***	-38.3
St John	37,668	589,343	456,893	427,727	566,367	492,101	432,086	**450,039**	-13.8	***4.1***	5.7
St Landry	87,800	485,641	354,275	331,549	470,949	362,736	309,235	**371,244**	-13.1	***20.0***	-0.2
St Martin	44,455	409,606	342,780	365,486	476,213	376,672	335,273	**362,525**	75.2	***8.1***	81.7
St Mary	66,950	550,081	470,072	497,299	704,593	434,407	544,656	**599,618**	28.9	***10.0***	18.8
St Tammany	128,130	1,508,928	1,677,144	1,450,760	1,690,443	1,540,164	1,315,170	**1,323,879**	-10.0	***0.6***	8.5
Tangipahoa	87,863	1,042,696	873,229	740,893	1,069,406	685,664	841,372	**848,313**	2.1	***0.8***	41.9
Tensas	8,244	44,756	33,327	33,326	37,384	28,920	31,417	**33,399**	33.8	***6.3***	14.3
Terrebonne	102,038	650,726	613,320	716,065	735,285	518,274	511,588	**642,739**	7.1	***25.6***	10.9
Union	21,734	106,155	76,694	47,080	97,905	50,780	77,049	**74,487**	1.2	***-3.4***	6.3
Vermilion	52,445	na	na	na	na	na	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Vernon	61,275	146,864	154,737	na	na	na	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Washington	45,765	149,244	160,275	150,619	152,735	172,713	135,570	**138,939**	8.3	***2.4***	7.7
Webster	45,205	256,330	212,144	215,423	277,865	189,198	180,016	**216,310**	-6.2	***20.1***	10.6
W B Rouge	20,168	113,395	109,133	103,177	180,758	89,856	95,077	**na**	na	***na***	na
W Carroll	13,267	66,470	36,638	26,464	76,111	31,399	46,484	**52,160**	6.3	***12.2***	6.7
W Feliciana	13,269	225,485	393,333	228,940	317,062	250,504	357,765	**350,469**	68.8	***-2.1***	162.9
Winn	17,575	101,914	74,694	82,392	100,315	63,787	89,270	**89,236**	-6.9	***-0.1***	6.9
Total		35,283,605	32,281,586	33,471,508	37,722,980	28,715,683	25,279,235	**24,253,423**	-27.2	***-4.1***	1.6

Louisiana Local Sales Tax Collections - Cities & Towns

Per Cent Change

									Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Cities & Towns	**Population**	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**	Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Abbeville	12,478	96,232	82,706	90,023	113,504	79,267	76,979	**90,435**	6.8	*17.4*	4.3
Abita Springs	1,131	5,684	4,330	5,034	2,617	2,677	4,001	**4,640**	25.1	*15.9*	51.3
Albany	874	3,927	4,001	4,367	3,511	3,206	4,086	**4,130**	30.4	*1.0*	41.4
Alexandria	52,371	473,775	408,979	484,729	613,220	367,639	411,942	**481,471**	3.4	*16.8*	4.7
Amite City	4,448	79,348	70,814	71,787	92,667	64,326	59,186	**71,202**	-3.3	*20.3*	3.2
Angie	322	na	na	na	na	na	na	**na**	na	*na*	na
Arcadia	3,531	22,099	16,316	18,735	21,330	19,292	17,685	**18,280**	-5.0	*3.3*	-4.0
Arnaudville	1,734	14,086	14,237	16,002	22,041	12,167	12,847	**14,208**	0.0	*10.5*	3.1
Baker	13,496	138,351	142,117	114,265	172,292	115,703	122,978	**134,977**	-0.2	*9.7*	6.0
Basile	2,720	12,462	5,509	13,737	8,627	6,987	8,152	**10,192**	-9.8	*25.0*	7.5
Bastrop	15,279	114,058	105,010	127,762	93,504	100,503	na	**116,311**	6.1	*-1,263.2*	na
Benton	2,062	4,599	6,143	5,368	3,098	5,306	8,180	**4,350**	-34.7	*-46.9*	na
Bernice	2,082	8,145	6,350	8,376	9,379	7,080	7,106	**8,138**	5.5	*14.5*	8.7
Bogalusa	16,941	281,847	225,636	311,767	293,524	246,249	254,225	**265,850**	4.5	*4.5*	4.2
Bonita	507	963	959	1,304	975	848	1,326	**na**	na	*na*	na
Bossier City	53,032	668,703	545,584	549,920	703,741	410,189	528,496	**572,484**	-4.1	*8.3*	6.8
Breaux Bridge	6,412	45,267	35,284	46,187	54,169	32,417	36,764	**na**	na	*na*	na
Broussard	3,264	57,812	37,144	36,008	45,335	38,867	35,124	**39,034**	20.6	*11.1*	30.4
Bunkie	5,400	48,268	48,226	46,602	55,202	33,530	44,737	**47,210**	-16.6	*5.5*	1.8
Campti	1,069	na	na	na	na	na	na	**na**	na	*na*	na
Cankton	342	581	595	715	640	864	887	**565**	-27.1	*-36.4*	-2.2
Carencro	4,137	31,529	32,988	31,295	34,495	26,730	24,944	**36,025**	-8.6	*44.4*	6.2
Church Point	4,692	20,305	15,806	18,181	22,126	16,244	16,384	**22,674**	26.0	*38.3*	2.9
Colfax	1,697	14,123	13,368	11,697	15,012	11,977	10,726	**13,942**	-17.5	*29.9*	-5.0
Columbia	689	17,658	8,195	10,151	7,488	7,646	6,801	**9,677**	125.1	*42.2*	20.1
Cotton Valley	1,555	3,000	2,300	3,458	2,300	2,500	2,600	**2,520**	11.3	*-3.1*	7.1
Cottonport	2,119	7,581	5,739	7,300	8,251	5,174	5,886	**6,670**	-18.0	*13.3*	-3.6
Coushatta	2,187	24,244	18,451	16,748	25,111	18,701	21,810	**22,984**	16.4	*5.3*	11.4
Covington	8,280	180,106	170,592	261,656	261,656	140,894	157,995	**173,050**	-1.0	*9.5*	15.6
Crowley	16,242	168,208	154,610	164,253	255,195	152,578	140,093	**170,059**	0.5	*21.3*	1.7
Cullen	1,862	4,463	2,896	4,609	3,630	3,237	3,703	**3,451**	-17.8	*-6.9*	6.5
Delcambre	2,226	9,798	8,076	9,762	6,017	8,119	7,558	**na**	na	*na*	na
Delhi	3,321	12,110	8,103	11,456	10,580	7,990	9,083	**11,082**	28.8	*22.0*	7.1
Delta	283	290	941	176	767	128	88	**298**	-72.9	*238.6*	-29.4
Denham Sprgs	8,963	134,108	98,063	92,074	132,562	80,270	98,253	**111,959**	-0.9	*13.9*	4.2
Dequincy	4,101	39,553	39,179	39,228	48,039	33,446	31,772	**41,679**	-2.9	*31.1*	45.3
DeRidder	11,191	86,481	71,249	88,234	100,120	69,352	79,340	**84,656**	8.9	*6.7*	7.2
Dixie Inn	506	4,990	4,868	4,933	4,421	3,778	4,823	**na**	na	*na*	na
Donaldsonville	8,070	64,071	66,178	77,697	77,698	48,959	55,049	**64,276**	-4.1	*16.7*	2.5
Dubach	1,234	3,012	1,744	3,594	3,682	1,802	2,752	**1,931**	-3.6	*-29.9*	18.3
Duson	1,355	18,050	13,899	18,366	17,660	15,173	15,725	**16,041**	39.3	*2.0*	3.2
Elizabeth	458	1,526	958	1,149	1,176	1,055	1,282	**716**	-45.7	*-44.2*	-13.6
Elton	1,441	4,234	2,576	3,465	3,376	2,977	2,944	**4,651**	23.0	*57.9*	1.5
Erath	2,345	9,953	7,954	11,315	12,608	9,132	10,744	**10,758**	2.5	*0.1*	-1.7
Estherwood	728	1,092	1,101	651	1,500	1,155	1,417	**783**	-44.8	*-44.8*	9.1
Eunice	12,624	155,689	157,169	192,138	134,430	148,471	168,776	**164,407**	-0.9	*-2.6*	2.0
Farmerville	3,779	32,070	21,654	25,670	34,558	20,649	22,915	**25,498**	3.2	*11.2*	3.2
Ferriday	4,463	29,711	25,663	27,740	37,359	30,167	27,013	**na**	na	*na*	na
Florien (Estimated)	969	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	**5,000**	0.0	*0.0*	0.0
Folsom	350	3,793	2,126	4,522	4,079	4,086	2,665	**3,266**	-44.7	*22.5*	2.4
Franklinton	4,196	37,790	36,365	43,329	46,628	33,036	31,499	**38,158**	2.4	*21.1*	-1.5
Gibsland	1,354	2,687	1,993	3,554	1,935	2,250	1,748	**2,618**	14.4	*49.7*	72.6
Gilbert	804	1,315	1,622	2,154	1,619	1,285	1,410	**na**	na	*na*	na
Glenmora	1,490	4,044	2,800	3,412	4,435	3,525	3,684	**4,288**	6.6	*16.3*	-4.0
Gold Meadow	2,320	10,240	10,133	9,408	10,947	na	na	**na**	na	*na*	na
Gonzales	7,517	111,513	98,970	108,083	128,412	88,997	85,056	**118,498**	-2.4	*39.3*	3.3
Grambling	4,226	10,250	3,727	6,886	6,834	4,268	4,033	**4,161**	-11.8	*3.1*	-3.9
Gramercy	3,477	15,989	19,462	15,331	21,397	13,416	13,262	**16,011**	4.0	*20.7*	6.9
Grand Coteau	1,160	3,525	2,168	2,774	2,774	1,619	2,451	**2,640**	-22.4	*7.7*	2.6
Greensburg	683	6,271	3,389	5,976	4,237	6,559	4,237	**3,373**	-3.0	*-20.4*	17.2
Gueydan	1,702	8,601	11,230	9,792	7,600	8,082	7,676	**9,998**	14.7	*30.2*	9.5
Hall Summit	284	456	331	275	485	609	563	**506**	60.6	*-10.2*	-8.6
Hammond	15,792	410,596	395,193	389,137	553,546	362,437	331,470	**410,844**	7.1	*23.9*	9.6
Haughton	1,670	6,595	4,110	5,229	1,306	3,894	6,277	**7,344**	125.7	*16.9*	58.3

Louisiana Local Sales Tax Collections - Cities & Towns Per Cent Change

Cities & Towns	Population	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Haynesville	3,569	18,068	10,390	16,653	14,225	14,727	13,410	**16,347**	11.4	***21.9***	2.7
Henderson	1,750	4,483	3,520	2,206	6,316	20,328	4,370	**na**	na	***na***	na
Hodge	703	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	**na**	na	***na***	na
Homer	4,478	23,212	14,024	19,814	37,442	17,326	26,917	**na**	na	***na***	na
Independence	1,747	14,534	21,774	17,175	17,052	9,824	13,872	**13,343**	-8.4	***-3.9***	17.8
Iota	1,334	4,524	3,125	5,170	4,263	3,521	3,034	**5,137**	14.2	***69.3***	4.2
Iowa	2,586	8,658	8,838	9,565	9,063	8,002	7,973	**14,058**	14.6	***76.3***	-3.3
Jeanerette	6,964	31,782	28,851	32,282	33,759	21,421	28,635	**36,222**	12.8	***26.4***	0.9
Jennings	12,511	81,190	71,572	81,222	108,175	71,868	74,205	**74,843**	-18.0	***0.8***	-0.8
Jonesboro	5,096	61,982	50,784	63,783	78,352	50,500	55,631	**61,345**	0.3	***10.2***	2.8
Kaplan	5,109	na	na	na	na	na	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Kentwood	2,748	32,027	26,873	17,825	54,626	23,447	30,032	**33,952**	81.0	***13.0***	63.7
Kinder	2,583	18,940	16,080	18,548	15,055	19,412	16,258	**16,668**	1.5	***2.5***	7.6
Krotz Springs	1,472	5,916	2,165	2,801	3,391	2,476	2,520	**5,766**	61.8	***128.8***	-32.7
Lafayette	90,147	1,117,881	1,144,730	1,201,981	1,426,788	1,150,280	992,851	**1,197,833**	5.4	***20.6***	7.3
Lake Arthur	3,634	19,434	26,744	19,628	27,337	19,013	19,057	**24,608**	-7.6	***29.1***	-2.6
Lake Charles	75,955	744,059	536,690	664,037	764,237	485,996	582,874	**634,995**	4.5	***8.9***	2.5
L Providence	6,361	20,896	17,940	16,365	22,514	12,870	13,824	**17,800**	-1.4	***28.7***	-6.1
Leesville	9,107	65,359	104,130	110,671	103,833	74,835	94,784	**na**	na	***na***	na
Livingston	1,260	8,402	6,387	5,722	8,397	3,744	6,267	**9,090**	41.7	***45.0***	17.7
Lockport	2,510	12,380	11,990	13,593	12,418	11,896	11,105	**14,664**	15.7	***32.0***	3.1
Logansport	1,689	12,441	7,547	9,398	10,619	7,403	8,655	**9,671**	15.8	***11.7***	4.7
Loreauville	967	4,187	3,983	4.230	5,741	3,455	3,391	**3,888**	-1.9	***14.6***	13.8
Lutcher	5,034	10,187	8,694	9,094	11,114	8,709	9,324	**9,823**	-12.7	***5.3***	-4.8
Madisonville	797	3,516	4,359	4,745	5,327	4,054	3,965	**3,280**	-1.8	***-17.3***	20.2
Mamou	3,219	15,562	12,612	16,050	16,167	11,812	17,875	**16,159**	1.1	***-9.6***	4.3
Mandeville	6,806	77,720	84,382	81,323	107,784	72,415	64,725	**81,872**	17.2	***26.4***	18.1
Mangham	893	2,996	2,130	2,718	2,849	1,807	2,221	**3,479**	37.4	***56.6***	-5.7
Mansfield	6,514	46,256	39,497	59,012	51,625	32,590	52,027	**60,838**	21.0	***16.9***	5.3
Many	4,087	42,398	38,389	31,932	50,579	31,932	37,342	**45,681**	5.0	***22.3***	4.8
Marksville	5,406	51,479	45,461	48,898	76,642	46,999	49,515	**54,235**	16.1	***9.5***	8.0
Maurice	536	2,300	2,680	3,340	3,990	2,970	2,830	**3,070**	-6.3	***8.4***	-3.5
Melville	1,767	4,466	3,530	4,400	4,400	3,235	3,075	**5,894**	24.8	***91.6***	-1.1
Mer Rouge	795	7,875	5,411	6,123	3,890	4,351	4,238	**5,869**	10.8	***38.4***	11.6
Mermentau	773	827	947	1,137	1,044	1,237	636	**1,173**	-0.6	***84.4***	-59.7
Merryville	1,320	4,912	2,811	3,168	2,387	2,464	2,934	**2,753**	26.7	***-6.2***	-4.2
Minden	14,974	114,499	82,358	104,292	191,224	154,021	162,836	**193,310**	96.3	***18.7***	35.6
Monroe	58,520	1,224,172	1,143,785	1,119,627	1,574,753	973,239	992,589	**1,135,029**	-5.0	***14.3***	4.9
Mooringsport	911	1,612	1,419	2,682	1,313	1,473	2,014	**1,632**	36.0	***-19.0***	575.4
Moreauville	1,002	3,457	2,179	2,108	2,327	2,297	2,554	**2,758**	-14.7	***7.9***	1.5
Morgan City	16,205	51,484	42,621	44,697	55,357	43,526	46,301	**na**	na	***na***	na
Morganza	880	na	na	na	na	na	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Morse	858	2,138	1,251	1,674	1,792	1,516	1,915	**1,521**	-11.2	***-20.6***	8.5
Napoleonville	835	7,180	4,431	5,948	8,647	4,804	4,139	**6,787**	-1.7	***63.9***	0.8
Natchitoches	17,200	229,052	208,429	219,276	284,320	189,491	202,068	**228,468**	-7.7	***13.0***	0.9
New Iberia	33,500	380,243	307,135	385,801	483,555	308,185	335,487	**381,964**	1.7	***13.8***	4.6
New Llano	2,352	6,266	4,536	4,772	4,782	6,844	3,204	**4,762**	-38.8	***48.6***	-5.3
New Orleans	567,062	11,578,324	11,406,222	13,341,612	12,624,849	9,273,686	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
New Roads	5,152	37,027	44,396	46,767	45,887	31,479	31,434	**39,786**	2.1	***26.5***	13.0
Oak Grove	2,215	23,510	19,989	22,494	30,082	19,985	18,610	**20,792**	-10.4	***11.7***	4.1
Oakdale	7,316	33,850	22,806	32,202	39,163	23,430	29,283	**34,391**	18.4	***17.4***	3.0
Oberlin	1,776	8,191	6,915	6,770	4,782	4,691	5,339	**7,389**	-7.2	***38.3***	3.8
Oil City	1,510	11,254	12,811	14,955	10,661	12,510	13,872	**24,170**	107.6	***74.2***	43.2
Opelousas	19,308	263,397	229,545	253,307	317,712	193,221	211,778	**259,817**	3.3	***22.6***	-0.5
Pearl River	1,819	8,199	4,586	6,711	15,776	4,019	6,644	**na**	na	***na***	na
Pine Prairie	775	6,962	3,052	3,855	4,609	3,004	4,801	**3,945**	17.8	***-17.9***	17.7
Pineville	12,382	74,591	69,927	83,524	69,497	56,463	88,257	**83,453**	23.4	***-5.5***	11.3
Plain Dealing	1,215	8,135	7,995	7,523	6,717	6,676	6,934	**7,053**	-7.8	***1.7***	6.7
Plaucheville	196	887	942	886	896	598	508	**812**	17.3	***59.8***	-3.8
Pleasant Hill	860	2,005	1,019	1,077	na	na	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Pollock	459	1,197	1,643	909	1,288	935	832	**999**	-25.2	***20.0***	-8.0
Ponchatoula	5,559	72,122	55,149	75,448	69,995	53,854	62,129	**68,270**	7.7	***9.8***	-1.4
Port Allen	6,183	22,288	38,646	24,952	26,598	29,768	4,131	**222**	-99.1	***-94.7***	-12.9
Port Barre	2,849	6,238	8,552	6,846	7,458	6,668	6,229	**8,099**	3.8	***30.0***	7.6

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									Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Cities & Towns	**Population**	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**	Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Rayne	9,136	78,630	55,813	74,143	83,639	53,800	64,664	**61,810**	-19.8	***-4.5***	-2.0
Rayville	4,790	45,476	37,499	42,463	61,189	36,048	36,082	**44,748**	0.0	***24.0***	4.9
Richmond	513	2,080	2,278	2,812	1,520	1,587	1,495	**2,304**	15.2	***54.1***	23.6
Ringold	1,728	3,848	4,252	3,284	8,467	7,920	5,845	**6,782**	20.1	***16.0***	11.8
Roseland	1,327	4,315	6,415	5,334	5,501	5,561	6,543	**5,543**	2.2	***-15.3***	12.7
Rosepine	1,001	1,956	1,799	6,028	2,420	1,009	1,633	**na**	na	***na***	na
Sarepta	846	992	1,524	1,102	1,029	871	1,546	**953**	20.9	***-38.4***	-19.6
Scott	3,731	52,564	48,785	48,234	44,619	57,497	39,682	**45,611**	60.9	***14.9***	90.0
Shreveport	207,579	3,416,211	2,708,868	3,327,382	3,922,295	2,514,547	3,004,035	**3,282,425**	3.7	***9.2***	31.0
Sibley	1,227	1,020	1,016	680	1,324	1,152	843	**944**	-8.1	***11.9***	14.7
Simmesport	2,313	9,515	6,779	8,756	5,911	7,683	7,869	**8,603**	5.5	***9.3***	5.6
Slidell	27,246	281,705	211,622	272,491	320,545	185,805	227,450	**na**	na	***na***	na
Sorrento	1,369	2,638	2,067	2,483	2,218	1,800	1,609	**2,094**	-5.0	***30.1***	-3.4
Springfield	459	2,666	3,774	2,362	2,541	3,099	2,621	**4,164**	60.6	***58.8***	26.1
Springhill	6,536	58,564	40,114	48,548	53,633	37,215	39,725	**42,428**	-10.6	***6.8***	7.5
St Francisville	1,553	21,465	14,784	20,684	22,271	16,519	21,488	**20,027**	0.0	***-6.8***	5.8
St Martinville	8,331	33,940	30,764	36,793	41,603	29,387	30,516	**32,997**	-6.9	***8.1***	4.7
Sterlington	1,437	4,266	3,535	6,786	4,808	4,925	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Sulphur	20,470	242,473	228,535	257,715	256,774	202,047	226,748	**232,413**	-2.1	***2.4***	1.9
Sun	404	490	1,223	883	1,041	708	818	**1,100**	108.3	***34.4***	18.5
Sunset	2,476	7,340	8,504	8,349	8,349	6,974	9,090	**12,796**	38.2	***40.7***	4.6
Tallulah	11,381	na	na	na	na	na	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Tangipahoa	493	1,865	1,224	1,368	2,297	1,349	1,340	**1,335**	-37.6	***-0.4***	13.9
Thibodaux	16,219	259,662	214,378	235,448	260,987	164,585	214,374	**na**	na	***na***	na
Tickfaw	611	823	3,976	1,394	2,242	1,051	4,881	**3,013**	105.1	***-38.3***	125.3
Vidalia	6,062	37,339	38,213	36,098	46,060	45,095	33,167	**na**	na	***na***	na
Parks	na	5,442	4,150	4,744	4,438	3,662	4,332	**4,086**	7.6	***-5.7***	-6.2
Ville Platte	9,260	106,367	73,264	95,039	107,024	56,718	87,389	**88,198**	15.7	***0.9***	83.7
Vinton	3,742	25,165	19,171	26,359	19,193	19,501	20,712	**26,218**	10.4	***26.5***	6.8
Vivian	4,315	27,627	29,473	29,183	33,990	26,513	26,517	**31,427**	9.8	***18.5***	10.0
Walker	3,306	6,672	9,543	9,858	32,687	9,240	14,151	**32,714**	-3.2	***131.1***	-11.2
Washington	1,319	4,337	3,121	5,313	5,313	2,480	2,776	**4,993**	44.1	***79.8***	-4.9
Welsh	3,582	14,714	13,073	14,972	13,640	13,316	18,052	**17,304**	-5.9	***-4.2***	4.5
W Monre	15,107	291,738	241,737	265,377	355,098	215,693	241,195	**265,832**	0.2	***10.2***	7.4
Westlake	5,525	65,790	52,416	51,770	57,757	42,870	56,345	**64,026**	11.1	***13.6***	5.9
Winnsboro	6,033	58,076	44,391	53,086	65,634	40,190	42,798	**55,074**	5.9	***28.6***	5.1
Wisner	1,430	7,187	5,580	5,275	7,498	4,408	5,624	**7,364**	19.5	***30.9***	1.0
Youngsville	1,050	11,309	11,496	11,230	10,758	11,112	11,844	**13,658**	11.9	***15.3***	2.2
Zachary	7,746	152,889	101,998	115,528	104,689	128,410	99,806	**94,335**	2.7	***-5.5***	17.0
Total		25,904,612	23,704,932	27,272,724	29,342,370	20,583,639	12,189,573	**13,027,073**	-44.8	***6.8***	3.0

Louisiana Local Sales Tax Collections - Police Juries

									Per Cent Change		
									Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
									Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Police Juries	**Population**	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Acadia P.J.	59,369	307,971	200,440	255,814	329,756	229,955	266,789	**270,415**	4.7	*1.3*	6.4
Ascension	54,618	298,671	241,773	256,034	319,419	289,853	245,189	**319,497**	20.6	*30.3*	22.1
Assumption	23,955	103,241	96,351	88,131	78,057	130,537	na	**na**	na	*na*	na
Caldwell	10,947	43,000	41,119	56,453	56,453	38,498	39,586	**55,842**	25.3	*41.0*	13.1
Catahoula	12,326	86,590	74,998	71,874	82,998	65,193	67,067	**na**	na	*na*	na
Concordia	23,577	65,513	65,698	65,892	62,712	67,049	52,284	**na**	na	*na*	na
E Baton Rouge	389,503	5,869,572	5,788,527	5,552,730	7,247,291	5,381,521	5,135,746	**6,305,216**	6.4	*22.7*	8.9
Iberville	32,981	350,569	282,646	298,398	407,769	280,455	272,460	**294,987**	-36.4	*8.2*	-9.0
Jefferson	476,915	8,266,515	8,386,398	8,312,280	10,099,719	7,355,829	7,244,502	**8,476,295**	65.4	*17.0*	43.8
Lafayette	169,694	293,950	291,526	275,020	339,433	311,520	241,893	**601,397**	40.1	*148.6*	13.6
Lafourche	88,349	208,268	147,206	182,996	184,145	182,062	166,111	**180,578**	11.5	*8.7*	2.5
Lincoln	41,847	161,016	147,746	226,591	136,996	126,507	146,396	**154,069**	6.2	*5.2*	9.4
Madison	15,894	19,695	26,216	25,914	15,064	na	na	**na**	na	*na*	na
Ouachita	142,300	292,964	243,293	231,968	310,780	209,550	248,277	**298,675**	21.0	*20.2*	16.1
Plaquemine	26,778	297,279	347,242	282,487	353,219	300,196	324,158	**323,205**	3.2	*-0.3*	-1.0
Pointe Coupee	25,091	171,166	163,348	120,420	217,420	128,991	110,691	**138,715**	42.4	*25.3*	8.0
Rapides	138,346	818,783	727,151	862,325	922,412	620,591	759,915	**820,729**	0.7	*8.0*	4.1
Red River	11,114	50,182	27,798	38,901	37,033	35,643	40,426	**40,962**	3.5	*1.3*	3.3
St Bernard	67,949	512,317	481,320	645,901	454,195	415,252	547,573	**na**	na	*na*	na
St Charles	41,103	308,303	226,143	518,774	308,224	349,784	475,624	**400,398**	21.3	*-15.9*	20.9
St Helena	10,186	40,703	22,021	20,312	29,814	24,821	25,160	**na**	na	*na*	na
St James	21,970	166,494	155,539	132,011	167,760	156,116	135,808	**156,897**	-38.0	*15.5*	-42.1
St Mary	66,950	1,013,250	865,871	916,027	1,297,879	800,175	1,003,263	**1,097,918**	24.2	*9.4*	18.3
St Mary	66,950	52,601	37,024	35,087	65,174	37,755	35,510	**57,052**	57.1	*60.6*	75.0
St Mary	66,950	36,368	31,131	33,958	35,959	22,634	30,464	**21,664**	-32.9	*-28.9*	70.6
Tensas	8,244	33,195	34,688	27,539	28,784	22,531	24,045	**na**	na	*na*	na
Terrebonne	102,038	1,084,544	1,022,201	1,193,442	1,125,475	863,790	852,646	**1,071,232**	7.1	*25.6*	10.0
Vermilion	52,445	344,362	324,878	419,322	na	na	na	**na**	na	*na*	na
West Ascension HSD	54,618	33,129	39,594	28,159	45,698	39,826	32,851	**48,462**	26.1	*47.5*	21.9
W B Rouge	20,168	113,390	109,130	103,070	180,760	89,860	95,070	**na**	na	*na*	na
Total		21,443,601	20,649,016	21,277,830	24,940,398	18,576,494	18,619,504	**21,134,205**	15.6	*13.5*	16.1

Standard Cases of Beer Sold by Parishes — Per Cent Change

								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Cases of Beer Sold		Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Acadia	59,369	55,713	60,418	45,747	52,264	52,312	52,432	38,698	8.6	-26.2	-2.2
Allen	21,739	18,106	21,138	14,585	16,860	15,372	15,969	13,019	5.2	-18.5	2.8
Ascension	54,618	31	62	42	53	45	51	37	-1.4	-27.4	0.2
Assumption	23,955	14,739	27,345	15,149	18,729	18,937	18,310	13,532	-1.4	-26.1	-7.8
Avoyelles	42,715	39,617	42,873	32,296	34,534	35,124	34,024	14,458	-33.6	-57.6	-5.2
Beauregard	31,207	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	na
Bienville	16,288	16,258	17,194	11,454	13,604	13,029	11,939	11,220	29.0	-6.1	3.4
Bossier	88,370	118,224	124,881	89,252	97,375	85,454	78,133	66,929	-2.9	-14.4	1.5
Caddo	261,817	269,236	294,862	197,909	244,925	222,547	231,575	184,784	-4.8	-20.3	1.3
Calcasieu	176,760	177,420	198,122	132,765	164,781	145,196	152,156	120,900	-0.8	-20.6	-4.8
Caldwell	10,947	9,601	10,323	8,114	9,145	9,576	9,159	6,619	-0.1	-27.8	5.2
Cameron	10,139	14,758	18,595	10,969	15,185	11,267	9,488	9,876	11.3	4.0	15.9
Catahoula	12,326	12,455	14,827	10,729	11,025	11,950	12,259	7,650	-0.9	-37.6	6.8
Claiborne	18,367	19,932	19,919	13,282	16,356	15,715	16,494	13,882	9.4	-15.9	-5.1
Concordia	23,577	24,693	26,132	18,339	20,584	21,546	20,779	15,353	-0.4	-26.2	3.0
Desoto	23,577	14,853	16,815	9,322	15,726	11,494	12,071	10,822	11.3	-10.4	-4.8
E Baton Rouge	389,503	238,546	418,280	302,545	359,547	310,831	323,185	260,091	1.3	-19.6	0.2
E Carroll	11,671	14,819	16,392	10,474	12,623	13,847	11,435	8,752	-9.4	-23.5	3.4
E Feliciana	19,939	5,970	14,668	10,464	12,727	11,541	11,454	9,621	9.6	-16.1	-2.2
Evangeline	34,367	31,835	35,669	26,589	30,833	28,528	26,971	23,685	15.5	-12.2	3.6
Franklin	24,509	13,618	16,567	11,265	15,862	13,006	13,034	9,178	1.4	-29.6	14.8
Grant	17,621	8,738	9,477	7,760	8,371	7,235	5,917	2,959	-57.8	-50.0	-11.4
Iberia	69,257	74,564	90,753	61,989	70,584	75,015	70,929	49,928	2.8	-29.7	-2.6
Iberville	32,981	21,032	36,438	25,212	31,878	26,362	30,539	20,412	2.5	-33.2	-0.3
Jackson	17,309	15,067	17,509	14,256	14,053	15,107	12,339	11,224	-1.4	-9.1	4.1
Jefferson	476,915	424,818	498,587	348,107	439,587	379,150	402,316	324,552	3.1	-19.4	-4.3
Jeff Davis	33,017	27,078	30,936	21,697	26,304	23,922	26,286	19,601	0.1	-25.5	0.0
Lafayette	169,694	197,840	218,899	170,277	192,856	153,257	194,195	139,841	5.0	-28.0	-0.6
Lafourche	88,349	87,837	100,739	72,116	92,275	78,569	81,268	62,933	6.6	-22.6	-4.8
Lasalle	17,697	10,775	11,151	8,804	9,850	9,146	8,932	11,682	65.7	30.7	4.7
Lincoln	41,847	24,222	28,234	26,315	26,787	25,888	23,182	19,065	-6.4	-17.8	9.4
Livingston	66,451	46,295	50,179	37,301	45,398	38,958	41,415	32,840	11.0	-20.8	-4.2
Madison	15,894	18,885	20,271	15,407	16,301	15,038	16,332	12,579	2.1	-23.0	5.4
Morehouse	35,183	32,420	35,627	26,146	29,102	28,506	29,184	20,652	-4.0	-29.3	-1.6
Natchitoches	40,805	39,805	46,914	31,362	35,872	36,445	35,462	26,302	-0.9	-25.9	6.3
Orleans	567,062	725,335	798,817	610,048	704,990	575,618	546,529	466,155	3.4	-14.8	5.3
Ouachita	142,300	122,281	136,106	96,965	109,519	103,217	106,648	85,797	-0.8	-19.6	0.4
Plaquemines	26,778	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0.0	0.0	na
Pointe Coupee	25,091	17,451	31,930	20,778	23,626	21,992	23,135	17,311	6.0	-25.2	-3.3
Rapides	138,346	121,817	128,264	87,281	105,991	98,295	100,119	41,138	-46.4	-59.0	0.8
Red River	11,114	11,218	9,412	8,113	10,041	7,569	8,503	7,847	1.0	-7.8	-1.1
Richland	22,785	14,811	17,307	12,471	14,018	13,770	12,883	10,292	-0.8	-20.2	5.4
Sabine	17,139	17,325	20,624	16,931	16,894	16,194	16,312	13,924	23.4	-14.7	12.8
St Bernard	67,949	66,519	75,207	51,748	63,707	58,649	61,579	45,006	-2.6	-27.0	-3.1
St Charles	41,103	42,399	43,490	33,997	43,138	34,013	36,178	26,285	11.1	-27.4	2.9
St Helena	10,186	8,483	9,179	7,309	7,878	8,338	7,242	6,532	13.5	-9.9	9.1
St James	21,970	13,651	26,505	18,387	21,024	20,013	18,226	15,584	13.4	-14.5	-4.0
St John	37,668	38,806	43,177	32,867	38,847	33,203	35,745	25,434	1.4	-28.9	0.4
St Landry	87,800	101,814	116,525	79,922	88,819	81,762	85,737	61,069	2.7	-28.8	-0.1
St Martin	44,455	57,825	64,183	47,842	54,303	47,390	52,593	36,695	16.7	-30.3	5.2
St Mary	66,950	73,197	88,735	62,320	72,263	69,952	71,110	48,228	-12.2	-32.2	-3.8
St Tammany	128,130	133,014	150,801	111,234	128,785	75,146	122,828	90,872	5.8	-26.1	0.5
Tangipahoa	87,863	91,509	97,445	73,317	83,933	77,112	77,031	61,355	6.4	-20.4	-1.5
Tensas	8,244	6,588	8,096	6,052	6,627	5,749	5,986	4,616	24.7	-22.9	6.9
Terrebonne	102,038	111,272	127,215	90,950	114,937	101,934	105,748	79,963	1.9	-24.4	0.6
Union	21,734	16,878	16,148	12,040	13,218	12,985	13,246	10,311	-7.5	-22.2	-4.2
Vermilion	52,445	50,331	56,164	40,744	48,231	60,668	50,806	35,730	14.5	-29.7	4.5
Vernon	61,275	52,823	50,554	36,364	41,522	42,819	35,697	34,708	2.5	-2.8	-0.5
Washington	45,765	36,593	40,551	26,019	33,677	22,875	33,680	25,174	-2.5	-25.3	0.2
Webster	45,205	42,258	47,088	28,468	36,273	33,218	33,681	25,964	-8.1	-23.0	-1.0
W Baton Rouge	20,168	16,321	29,593	21,796	24,686	23,662	23,624	18,805	6.0	-20.4	-0.5
W Carroll	13,267	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	na
W Feliciana	13,269	7,073	11,120	8,776	11,053	9,352	9,564	9,058	16.9	-5.3	2.0
Winn	17,575	11,996	12,331	9,234	11,551	8,167	9,641	7,851	5.9	-18.6	-0.2
Total Cases Sold		4,181,105	4,909,632	3,532,013	4,184,607	3,668,933	3,794,900	2,942,859	0.8	-22.5	0.3

New Cars Sales by Parish • 1984

Parish	Buick	Cadillac	Chevrolet	Chrysler	Datsun	Dodge	Ford	Honda	Lincoln	Mazda
Acadia	98	0	250	24	85	4	136	0	0	0
Allen	77	28	48	30	32	16	81	0	12	0
Ascension	424	0	342	172	0	161	231	0	58	0
Assumption	0	0	126	45	0	15	70	0	0	0
Avoyelles	62	0	166	77	0	56	91	0	23	0
Beauregard	79	0	101	23	83	10	221	0	0	0
Bienville	0	0	70	0	0	0	80	0	0	0
Bossier	952	506	1,852	336	465	285	1,466	373	323	237
Caddo	28	0	34	24	0	6	145	0	0	0
Calcasieu	555	143	1,014	31	530	28	831	247	168	64
Caldwell	0	0	88	0	0	0	61	0	0	0
Cameron	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Catahoula	0	0	0	0	0	3	46	0	0	0
Claiborne	39	20	41	33	0	8	42	0	16	0
Concordia	28	10	114	0	0	0	97	0	0	0
DeSoto	95	0	137	12	0	2	112	0	0	0
East Baton Rouge	1,075	608	2,521	469	1,530	302	2,025	1,081	276	244
East Carroll	0	0	18	0	0	0	27	0	0	0
East Feliciana	0	0	112	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Evangeline	63	0	96	53	0	25	88	0	0	0
Franklin	155	0	81	36	0	20	64	0	15	0
Grant	0	0	145	0	0	0	133	0	0	0
Iberia	202	102	354	75	204	75	212	407	57	0
Iberville	74	73	799	24	0	5	74	0	51	0
Jackson	980	516	1,847	491	314	682	1,967	444	252	120
Jefferson	2,747	651	2,598	530	2,280	888	4,444	1,002	493	389
Jefferson Davis	106	32	83	41	0	40	314	0	52	0
Lafayette	571	378	1,067	297	681	286	1,115	330	229	259
Lafourche	262	0	413	96	249	73	273	0	29	0
La Salle	24	0	85	14	0	6	50	0	0	0
Lincoln	120	71	206	44	0	25	119	0	47	0
Livingston	0	0	0	0	0	58	188	0	0	0
Madison	0	0	26	0	0	0	69	0	25	0
Morehouse	226	57	94	42	0	27	134	0	61	0
Natchitoches	55	26	111	68	156	27	77	0	35	0
Orleans	993	893	2,233	209	392	638	1,783	645	440	422
Ouachita	343	167	518	128	238	142	566	361	130	231
Plaquemines	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pointe Coupee	88	0	45	46	0	19	142	0	54	0
Rapides	391	111	498	89	217	98	514	252	121	135
Red River	66	0	47	26	0	1	60	0	0	0
Richland	123	0	188	1	0	1	117	0	0	0
Sabine	87	0	123	22	0	4	71	0	0	0
St Bernard	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Charles	0	0	0	0	0	0	97	0	0	0
St Helena	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St James	0	0	76	0	0	0	160	0	0	0
St John	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Landry	179	62	279	85	0	39	265	0	33	0
St Martin	0	0	285	38	0	15	219	0	0	0
St Mary	217	45	92	50	0	74	205	0	20	85
St Tammany	540	0	499	164	531	137	544	0	106	0
Tangipahoa	369	105	748	151	119	77	545	0	25	87
Tensas	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Terrebonne	360	135	377	96	0	169	380	360	89	54
Union	203	0	102	13	0	10	67	0	0	0
Vermilion	120	0	196	45	0	13	250	0	44	0
Vernon	89	43	165	23	0	61	141	0	16	0
Washington	52	22	51	26	145	15	48	0	2	0
Webster	178	0	204	90	0	49	524	0	325	0
West Baton Rouge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Carroll	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Feliciana	0	0	64	0	0	0	38	0	0	0
Winn	60	26	84	8	0	3	35	0	22	0
Total	**13,555**	**4,830**	**21,932**	**4,397**	**8,251**	**4,698**	**21,854**	**5,502**	**3,649**	**2,327**

New Cars Sales by Parish • 1984

Parish	Mercury	Oldsmobile	Plymouth	Pontiac	Renault	Toyota	Volkswagen	Volvo	Other	Total
Acadia	62	129	4	104	0	0	0	0	0	896
Allen	22	100	27	16	0	0	0	0	0	489
Ascension	214	93	72	393	0	1,571	0	0	1	3,732
Assumption	91	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	368
Avoyelles	31	79	26	25	0	0	0	0	0	636
Beauregard	103	128	7	81	0	87	0	0	0	923
Bienville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150
Bossier	808	1,872	181	1,099	211	470	109	75	562	12,182
Caddo	0	0	4	21	0	0	0	0	0	262
Calcasieu	334	683	20	796	98	225	0	0	162	5,929
Caldwell	0	154	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	303
Cameron	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Catahoula	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	96
Claiborne	47	60	8	29	0	0	0	0	0	343
Concordia	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	272
DeSoto	48	95	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	524
East Baton Rouge	777	1,947	289	1,234	40	1,499	181	555	1,018	17,671
East Carroll	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86
East Feliciana	0	0	0	112	0	0	0	0	0	224
Evangeline	55	35	19	36	0	0	0	0	0	470
Franklin	50	131	14	78	0	0	0	0	0	644
Grant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	278
Iberia	133	545	53	169	117	121	0	0	1	2,827
Iberville	73	281	5	103	0	0	0	0	0	1,562
Jackson	621	2,108	563	898	263	299	195	97	620	13,277
Jefferson	1,372	3,723	501	2,217	244	2,088	344	0	1,382	27,893
Jefferson Davis	179	234	26	68	0	112	0	0	0	1,287
Lafayette	392	640	162	690	55	325	180	164	548	8,369
Lafourche	66	89	49	115	0	0	0	0	119	1,833
La Salle	29	127	11	102	0	0	0	0	0	448
Lincoln	89	276	31	212	0	0	0	0	0	1,240
Livingston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	246
Madison	47	55	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	228
Morehouse	88	84	13	99	0	78	0	0	1	1,004
Natchitoches	49	67	48	42	0	0	0	0	0	761
Orleans	673	1,349	152	610	196	561	141	466	952	13,748
Ouachita	325	784	72	332	15	204	55	103	218	4,932
Plaquemines	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pointe Coupee	96	112	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	631
Rapides	331	726	78	417	68	136	27	0	183	4,392
Red River	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	204
Richland	0	218	0	124	0	0	0	0	0	772
Sabine	83	142	8	60	0	0	0	0	52	652
St Bernard	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Charles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	97
St Helena	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St James	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	236
St John	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Landry	131	392	42	164	11	166	0	0	1	1,849
St Martin	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	581
St Mary	129	281	34	255	48	154	0	0	1	1,690
St Tammany	263	449	96	464	0	276	0	0	0	4,069
Tangipahoa	78	681	74	300	0	188	33	0	31	3,611
Tensas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
Terrebonne	233	626	79	307	53	342	0	0	0	3,660
Union	50	89	1	27	14	0	0	0	1	577
Vermilion	83	188	19	89	0	0	0	0	0	1,047
Vernon	60	139	15	76	0	0	0	0	0	828
Washington	29	128	7	87	0	0	0	0	0	612
Webster	201	247	49	110	0	0	0	0	0	1,977
West Baton Rouge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Carroll	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Feliciana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	102
Winn	28	133	2	46	0	0	0	0	0	447
Total	**8,620**	**20,460**	**2,939**	**12,259**	**1,433**	**8,902**	**1,265**	**1,460**	**5,853**	**154,186**

New Truck Sales by Parish • 1984

Parish	Chevrolet	Datsun	Dodge	Ford	GMC	Mazda	Toyota	Other	Total
Acadia	304	45	42	202	58	0	0	2	653
Allen	124	23	16	191	38	0	0	5	397
Ascension	366	0	622	365	183	0	1,728	145	3,409
Assumption	103	0	87	123	0	0	0	11	324
Avoyelles	209	0	173	195	37	0	0	16	630
Beauregard	58	70	24	394	140	0	150	3	839
Bienville	66	0	0	200	0	0	0	0	266
Bossier	1,513	170	521	1,716	220	205	264	702	5,311
Caddo	54	0	20	197	0	0	0	0	271
Calcasieu	1,030	316	89	1,023	833	55	201	282	3,829
Caldwell	163	0	0	143	0	0	0	0	306
Cameron	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Catahoula	0	0	6	128	0	0	0	0	134
Claiborne	86	0	33	77	48	0	0	4	248
Concordia	105	0	0	182	62	0	0	0	349
De Soto	243	0	11	265	0	0	0	0	519
East Baton Rouge	2.113	793	634	2,357	320	345	1,754	485	8,801
East Carroll	48	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	106
East Feliciana	285	0	0	0	123	0	0	10	418
Evangeline	155	0	116	191	63	0	0	3	528
Franklin	168	0	71	145	232	0	0	6	622
Grant	123	0	0	234	0	0	0	0	357
Iberia	383	104	190	325	128	0	68	104	1,302
Iberville	605	0	71	139	76	0	0	5	896
Jackson	1,448	117	390	2,103	598	72	120	810	5,658
Jefferson	1,983	511	967	3,715	349	68	1,605	1,135	10,333
Jefferson Davis	105	0	69	367	102	0	45	8	696
Lafayette	1,282	338	595	1,144	0	300	276	224	4,159
Lafourche	431	156	147	391	71	0	0	15	1,211
La Salle	236	0	59	152	51	0	0	5	503
Lincoln	241	0	68	264	155	0	0	5	733
Livingston	0	0	148	324	0	0	0	0	472
Madison	101	0	0	123	0	0	0	0	224
Morehouse	153	0	57	182	134	0	33	3	562
Natchitoches	119	140	119	46	39	0	0	9	472
Orleans	1,867	94	683	1,665	0	252	137	343	5,041
Ouachita	668	136	191	827	269	300	145	295	2,831
Plaquemines	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pointe Coupee	50	0	106	224	0	0	0	8	388
Rapides	513	146	319	834	173	126	128	278	2,517
Red River	88	0	15	124	0	0	0	4	231
Richland	405	0	0	152	0	0	0	0	557
Sabine	275	0	45	214	173	0	0	12	719
St Bernard	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Charles	0	0	0	107	0	0	0	0	107
St Helena	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St James	59	0	0	102	0	0	0	0	161
St John	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Landry	271	0	223	456	110	0	125	61	1,246
St Martin	381	0	76	317	247	0	0	4	1,025
St Mary	115	0	169	265	152	81	169	24	975
St Tammany	388	263	188	635	305	0	306	54	2,139
Tangipahoa	704	72	345	644	218	109	129	28	2,249
Tensas	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55
Terrebonne	393	0	508	436	262	50	198	215	2,062
Union	186	0	24	199	67	0	0	66	542
Vermilion	295	0	64	466	77	0	0	19	921
Vernon	71	0	46	127	157	0	0	40	441
Washington	56	70	41	132	31	0	0	2	332
Webster	276	0	179	286	80	0	0	18	839
West Baton Rouge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	25
West Carroll	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Feliciana	102	0	0	79	0	0	0	0	181
Winn	165	0	5	140	45	0	0	0	355
Total	**21,786**	**3,564**	**8,572**	**26,092**	**6,426**	**1,963**	**7,581**	**5,493**	**81,477**

Consumer Price Index • 1967 =100

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg
1967	98.6	98.7	98.9	99.1	99.4	99.7	100.2	100.5	100.7	101.0	101.3	101.6	100.0
1968	102.0	102.3	102.8	103.1	103.4	104.0	104.5	104.8	105.1	105.7	106.1	106.4	104.2
1969	106.7	107.1	108.0	108.7	109.0	109.7	110.2	110.7	111.2	111.6	112.2	112.9	109.8
1970	113.3	113.9	114.5	115.2	115.7	116.3	116.7	116.9	117.5	118.1	118.5	119.1	116.3
1971	119.2	119.4	119.8	120.2	120.8	121.5	121.8	122.1	122.2	122.4	122.6	123.1	121.3
1972	123.2	123.8	124.0	124.3	124.7	125.0	125.5	125.7	126.2	126.6	126.9	127.3	125.3
1973	127.7	128.6	129.8	130.7	131.5	132.4	132.7	135.1	135.5	136.6	137.6	138.5	133.1
1974	139.7	141.5	143.1	143.9	145.5	146.9	148.0	149.9	151.7	153.0	154.3	155.4	147.7
1975	156.1	157.2	157.8	158.6	159.3	160.6	162.3	162.8	163.6	164.6	165.6	166.3	161.2
1976	166.7	167.1	167.5	168.2	169.2	170.1	171.1	171.9	172.6	173.3	173.8	174.3	170.5
1977	175.3	177.1	178.2	179.6	180.6	181.8	182.6	183.3	184.0	184.5	185.4	186.1	181.5
1978	187.2	188.4	189.8	191.5	193.3	195.3	196.7	197.8	199.3	200.9	202.0	202.9	195.4
1979	204.7	207.1	209.1	211.5	214.1	216.6	218.9	221.1	223.4	225.4	227.5	229.9	217.4
1980	223.2	236.4	239.8	242.5	244.9	247.6	247.8	249.4	251.7	253.9	256.2	258.4	246.8
1981	260.5	263.2	265.1	266.8	269.0	271.3	274.4	276.4	279.3	279.9	280.7	281.5	272.3
1982	282.5	283.4	283.1	284.3	287.1	290.6	292.2	292.8	293.3	294.1	293.6	292.4	289.1
1983	293.1	293.2	293.4	295.5	297.1	298.1	299.3	300.3	301.8	302.6	303.1	303.5	298.4
1984	305.2	306.6	307.3	308.8	309.7	310.7	311.7	313.0	314.5	315.3	315.3	315.5	311.1
1985	316.1	317.4	318.8	320.1									

Producer Price Index • 1967 =100

Year	*Jan*	*Feb*	*Mar*	*Apr*	*May*	*Jun*	*Jul*	*Aug*	*Sep*	*Oct*	*Nov*	*Dec*	*Avg*
1980	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	253.2	254.7	na
1981	259.8	262.4	265.3	267.7	268.9	269.9	271.8	271.2	271.1	272.1	274.5	275.3	269.2
1982	277.4	277.4	276.9	276.9	277.7	279.9	281.7	282.4	281.4	284.2	284.9	285.1	280.4
1983	283.6	283.7	283.4	283.0	284.3	285.0	285.2	286.2	285.1	287.9	286.8	287.1	285.1
1984	289.4	290.6	291.7	291.4	291.5	290.9	292.3	291.3	298.5	291.5	292.3	292.4	291.2
1985	292.7	292.5	292.4	293.1									

Industrial Production Index • 1967 =100

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg
1980	153.0	153.0	152.0	148.0	144.0	142.0	139.0	142.0	144.0	147.0	148.5	150.7	146.9
1981	151.8	150.8	151.7	151.9	152.8	152.7	153.4	152.8	152.1	149.5	146.5	143.3	150.8
1982	140.7	142.9	141.7	140.2	139.2	138.7	138.8	138.4	137.3	135.7	134.9	135.2	138.6
1983	137.4	138.1	140.0	142.6	144.4	146.4	149.7	151.8	153.8	155.0	155.3	156.2	147.5
1984	158.5	160.0	160.8	162.1	162.8	164.4	165.9	166.0	165.0	164.4	164.8	164.8	163.3
1985	165.1	165.3	165.8	165.4									

Economic Indicators: United States

Per Cent Change

								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Producer Price Indexes	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Finished Goods	291.5	292.3	292.4	292.7	292.5	292.4	**293.1**	0.5	*0.2*	1.4
Finished Consumer Goods	290.3	291.2	291.3	291.1	290.7	290.4	**291.2**	0.2	*0.2*	1.2
Intermediate Materials	320.1	320.4	319.8	319.6	318.6	318.6	**319.4**	-0.3	*0.2*	1.4
Crude Materials	319.6	323.2	323.1	319.4	318.3	312.9	**311.3**	-8.5	*-0.6*	-1.5
Consumer Price Indexes	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
All Items	314.5	315.3	315.3	315.5	316.1	317.4	**318.8**	3.7	*0.4*	4.0
Food and Beverages	296.4	296.6	296.3	297.2	299.3	301.4	**301.6**	2.4	*0.0*	3.3
Housing	341.4	341.2	340.9	341.2	342.0	343.6	**344.7**	3.9	*0.3*	4.1
Apparel and Upkeep	204.2	205.7	205.2	203.2	199.8	201.8	**205.3**	3.2	*1.7*	1.9
Transportation	313.7	315.5	316.1	315.8	314.7	314.3	**316.7**	3.1	*0.7*	3.7
Medical Care	383.1	385.5	387.5	388.5	391.1	393.8	**396.5**	5.8	*0.6*	6.0
Entertainment	257.3	258.3	259.0	260.1	261.0	261.3	**262.2**	4.1	*0.3*	3.9
Industrial Production Indexes	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Total Index	164.4	164.8	164.8	165.1	165.3	165.8	**165.4**	2.0	*-0.3*	6.7
Energy	139.8	142.7	142.3	143.1	146.0	146.6	**146.6**	2.6	*0.0*	3.3
Durable Consumer Goods	158.7	161.5	161.0	160.5	162.4	164.5	**162.9**	0.4	*-1.0*	3.2
Nondurable Consumer Goods	162.7	163.0	162.7	162.8	161.8	161.7	**161.5**	0.2	*-0.2*	3.5
Business Equipment	187.3	188.4	189.6	189.2	188.4	188.1	**187.5**	8.0	*-0.4*	14.7
Defense and Space Equipment	141.1	142.2	144.7	145.8	145.9	147.8	**148.8**	11.7	*0.6*	13.6
Construction Supplies	158.6	156.9	157.5	156.9	157.6	157.9	**158.0**	-1.1	*0.0*	5.0
Business Supplies	188.0	189.2	188.8	188.4	189.6	190.0	**na**	na	*na*	na
Durable Goods Materials	162.9	162.3	161.0	161.6	161.8	162.1	**161.0**	-0.2	*-0.7*	9.0
Nondurable Goods Materials	182.1	181.9	180.4	180.6	180.8	181.9	**181.9**	-2.1	*0.0*	1.3
Energy Materials	127.6	129.4	131.1	133.3	135.8	136.3	**135.6**	2.6	*-0.6*	3.8
Home Goods and Clothing	138.3	137.2	136.7	134.8	136.0	136.9	**135.4**	-4.0	*-1.1*	1.3
General Business Activity	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Index of 12 Leading Indicators	165.7	164.1	165.3	164.4	166.6	167.5	**167.1**	-0.1	*-0.3*	3.3
Index of 4 Roughly Coincident Indicator	156.0	156.1	157.2	158.3	157.9	157.9	**158.7**	5.0	*0.5*	8.5
Index Of 6 Lagging Indicators	121.2	122.3	122.1	122.5	124.4	125.3	**125.7**	11.4	*0.3*	9.2
Index of Coincident to Lagging Ratio	128.7	127.6	128.7	129.2	126.9	126.0	**126.3**	-5.8	*0.2*	-0.6
Finance	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Yield On 3-Month Federal Sec	10.41	9.97	8.79	8.16	7.76	8.22	**8.57**	-9.3	*4.2*	5.1
Yield on State & Local Bonds	10.10	10.25	10.17	9.95	9.51	9.65	**9.77**	3.8	*1.2*	12.7
Average Yield on Corporate Bonds	12.66	12.63	12.29	12.13	12.08	12.13	**12.56**	-5.8	*3.5*	-0.5
M1 : Currency + Demand Deposits ($ Bil)	551.5	548.3	553.8	558.5	562.7	569.4	**572.1**	6.4	*0.4*	6.4
M2 : M1 + Other Checkable Deposits ($ B	2,308.4	2,319.3	2,346.3	2,371.7	2,398.9	2,420.9	**2,429.0**	8.9	*0.3*	7.8
Bank Debits ($ Bil)	124,117.4	142,907.2	134,016.3	137,512.0	140,678.6	143,281.5	**139,608.3**	19.9	*-2.6*	17.7
Credit Union Deposits ($ Bil)	53.1	57.7	58.3	58.3	59.0	59.4	**na**	na	*na*	na
Savings & Loan Deposits ($ Bil)	682.8	701.5	712.2	717.7	725.3	725.3	**na**	na	*na*	na
Commercial Bank Deposits ($ Bil)	1,387.1	1,414.0	1,431.0	1,441.1	1,488.6	1,463.1	**na**	na	*na*	na
Employment Statistics (Mil)	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	177.0	177.1	177.3	177.4	177.5	177.7	**na**	na	*na*	na
Civilian Labor Force	114.0	114.1	114.5	114.9	115.1	115.5	**na**	na	*na*	na
Percent of Population	64.4	64.4	64.6	64.8	64.8	65.0	**na**	na	*na*	na
Employed	105.7	105.9	106.3	106.4	106.7	107.1	**na**	na	*na*	na
Employment-Population Ratio	59.7	59.8	59.9	60.0	60.1	60.3	**na**	na	*na*	na
Unemployed	8.4	8.1	8.2	8.5	8.4	8.4	**na**	na	*na*	na
Unemployment Rate	7.3	7.1	7.2	7.4	7.3	7.3	**na**	na	*na*	na
Life Insurance Statistics	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Annualized Premium ($ Mil)	397.1	463.0	444.1	609.4	441.7	431.6	**488.3**	15.3	*13.1*	16.8
Face Amount ($ Bil)	37.5	44.8	42.6	52.7	40.9	40.7	**45.6**	8.0	*12.0*	9.6
Premium Per $1,000	10.58	10.34	10.42	11.57	10.79	10.60	**10.71**	6.7	*1.0*	6.6
Average Policy Size ($ 000)	51.3	51.8	53.8	59.2	58.9	55.5	**55.1**	12.4	*-0.8*	12.3
Premium Per Policy	543	535	561	685	636	588	**591**	20.3	*0.5*	19.8
No. Of Ordinary Life Insurance Policies	731.1	865.6	792.3	890.0	694.2	733.6	**826.8**	-4.2	*12.7*	-2.5
Energy Summary (QUADs)	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	**Jan 85**			
Energy Production	5.50	5.83	5.39	5.28	5.16	5.32	**5.63**	0.8	*5.8*	6.5
Energy Consumption	5.95	6.11	5.60	5.86	6.13	6.55	**7.41**	1.5	*13.1*	3.5
Energy Imports	1.07	1.00	1.00	1.15	1.08	1.02	**0.93**	-14.7	*-8.9*	3.2
Energy Exports	0.33	0.36	0.36	0.30	0.27	0.36	**0.31**	24.0	*-13.9*	6.2
Net Imports										

Louisiana Tourist Traffic Data - Visitors To Selected Tourist Attractions — Per Cent Change

	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Audubon State Commemorative Area	7,450	6,294	5,552	4,782	5,286	13,538	**11,012**	-0.6	***-18.7***	-9.8
Camp Moore State Commemorative Area	535	382	355	179	286	558	**493**	-62.3	***-11.7***	-7.2
Chemin-A-Haut State Park	2,278	2,654	2,051	1,251	2,020	3,522	**3,821**	5.5	***8.4***	14.4
Chicot State Park	9,561	20,098	29,870	21,970	22,526	34,888	**32,417**	-43.4	***-7.1***	-11.9
Cypremort Point State Park	2,252	2,974	2,741	923	2,150	8,342	**19,686**	130.4	***135.9***	37.1
Edward Douglass White Memorial	95	24	17	5	38	79	**183**	27.9	***131.6***	22.7
Fairview-Riverside State Park	14,037	13,301	10,340	10,606	13,308	21,750	**25,175**	2.8	***15.7***	9.8
Fontainbleau State Park	25,412	18,712	25,066	25,090	16,340	28,222	**32,284**	9.1	***14.3***	101.3
Fort Jesup State Commemorative Area	3,184	5,538	6,588	4,932	3,042	2,670	**4,146**	-35.7	***55.2***	-6.9
Fort Pike State Commemorative Area	33,150	23,640	6,352	7,000	9,000	24,506	**20,744**	-36.8	***-15.4***	48.9
Fort St. Jean Baptiste	1,561	1,679	3,129	1,274	1,132	1,976	**2,879**	15.2	***45.6***	92.0
Grand Isle State Park	370	324	190	301	282	0	**25,924**	7,414.2	***0.0***	-82.5
Hodges Gardens	1,470	1,083	0	205	228	6,861	**12,862**	-0.5	***87.4***	-6.5
Indian Creek Recreational Area	2,574	2,606	1,813	859	1,598	12,475	**16,982**	12.2	***36.1***	1.2
Lake Bistineau State Park	6,898	4,674	3,889	4,085	3,991	13,618	**17,514**	27.1	***28.6***	10.9
Lake Bruin State Park	4,082	3,288	2,764	4,624	3,294	7,754	**10,590**	32.6	***36.5***	120.5
Lake Claiborne State Park	2,504	5,095	2,950	1,312	1,510	6,840	**10,992**	-9.0	***60.7***	4.5
Lake D'Arbonne State Park	2,303	1,525	1,481	1,474	1,376	3,002	**3,298**	-15.4	***9.8***	5.6
Longfellow-Evangeline State Park	8,920	9,474	10,044	7,794	6,946	13,176	**16,340**	-13.1	***24.0***	-15.0
Los Adeas	675	570	604	495	368	640	**637**	911.1	***-0.5***	664.4
Louisiana State Exhibit Museum, Shrevep	86,000	15,200	6,100	7,100	10,100	21,300	**23,600**	-48.1	***10.7***	-24.6
Louisiana State Museum, New Orleans	47,937	31,247	3,382	4,863	5,842	7,530	**9,596**	12.2	***27.4***	207.1
Louisiana State Fairgrounds	615,300	24,675	64,050	36,360	130,250	38,625	**28,540**	-81.5	***-26.2***	-25.1
Mansfield State Commemorative Area	1,982	1,920	2,150	2,069	2,685	3,500	**36,502**	634.2	***942.9***	102.6
Old Arsenal Museum	2,799	2,537	2,988	1,304	2,069	3,098	**3,464**	-56.0	***11.8***	-23.9
Marksville State Commemorative Area	7,380	4,836	3,661	3,541	4,843	4,595	**6,405**	-54.0	***39.3***	86.7
Old State Capitol	4,821	2,727	1,303	484	746	1,941	**2,275**	-66.3	***17.2***	-24.0
Plaquemine Locks	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	-100.0	***0.0***	-20.4
Poverty Point State Commemorative Area	4,162	3,850	2,413	2,127	2,259	5,114	**6,644**	-15.2	***29.9***	42.9
Rebel State Commemorative Area	5,537	1,129	1,221	1,173	1,041	1,459	**2,137**	21.6	***46.4***	0.8
St. Bernard State Park	10,976	10,394	7,812	9,858	12,792	27,575	**36,478**	268.3	***32.2***	211.0
Sam Houston Jones State Park	10,928	19,284	28,764	17,977	21,661	37,842	**38,409**	-17.2	***1.4***	7.9
Winter Quarters State Commemorative Are	75	0	56	62	19	86	**159**	82.7	***84.8***	8.8

Louisiana Tourist Traffic Data • Visitors To Tourist Information Stations — Per Cent Change

	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85			
Greenwood*	25,272	15,063	14,140	8,452	6,848	5,085	**3,812**	-52.3	***-25.1***	13.2
Kentwood (I-55)*	22,251	21,253	18,103	7,215	3,461	2,923	**3,196**	-34.8	***9.3***	86.7
Louisiana State Capitol*	21,183	16,552	15,934	11,285	7,314	7,435	**6,181**	-35.3	***-16.9***	-1.9
Mound Center (I-20 W)*	16,629	10,203	10,127	8,571	7,721	4,231	**4,119**	-34.3	***-2.7***	1.3
New Orleans*	11,609	11,553	12,505	5,608	2,879	3,500	**5,045**	-23.8	***44.1***	-0.9
Pearl River (I-59)	63,170	50,911	75,780	39,077	27,001	19,555	**28,568**	-27.0	***46.0***	-24.2
St. Francisville*	4,957	4,071	5,339	2,392	1,104	1,125	**1,149**	-23.9	***2.1***	11.4
Slidell (I-10 W)	109,160	93,830	102,267	69,405	63,677	57,929	**78,079**	44.8	***34.7***	51.2
Toledo Bend*	2,701	1,992	1,690	1,025	731	483	**569**	-59.5	***17.8***	-1.8
Vidalia*	2,019	1,645	2,273	1,400	886	795	**804**	-27.9	***1.1***	14.9
Vinton (I-10 E)*	37,712	25,582	25,279	18,099	18,287	17,550	**20,043**	-15.0	***14.2***	32.3

*Effective November 19, 1984,these centers were reduced to Monday-Friday operating schedules andwere closed on weekends.

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The Division Economic Report

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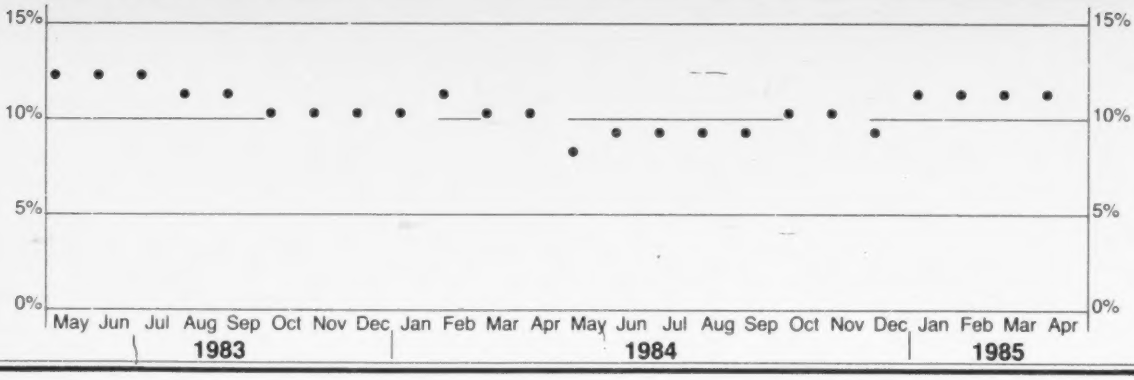
United States

The U.S. economy is recovering from its listless performance during the first quarter of 1985. Flash estimates indicate that the real Gross National Product (GNP) will grow at an annual rate of 3.1 percent during the second quarter following a growth of three tenths of one percent during the previous quarter. The outlook suggests that the national economy should grow approximately 3.5 percent annually for the rest of the year. The Federal Reserve Board's Index of Industrial Production dropped one-tenth of one percent in May following a drop of two-tenths of one percent in April. This means that the industrial production was below the July 1984 level. Seasonally adjusted retail sales decreased eight-tenths of one percent following a revised 2.4 percent gain in April. Total housing starts dropped 13.7 percent in May following a revised 2 percent increase in April. The sharp decline of housing in May is expected to be reversed due to the falling interest rates. The U.S. civilian unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) was 7.3 percent in May, unchanged since the fall of 1984. Total civilian employment increased only slightly since April but increased 1.7 percent since May 1984.

The U.S. Leading Economic Indicator decreased two-tenths of one percent in April following a revised increase of one-tenth of one percent in March. The index has followed a sawtooth pattern since last May which suggests that the U.S. economy will not experience firm growth in the coming months. Inflation continues to remain under control.

The Consumer Price Index increased at a 5 percent annual rate in April and the Producer Price Index increased 3.7 percent. Interest rates during the second half of June were generally lower than the rates a month ago. The prime rate dropped from 10 percent to 9.5 percent during June. The Federal funds rate, which is the rate charged by banks to other banks for the use of bank reserves, was 7.62 percent compared with 8.02 percent the previous month. The interest on AAA Corporate Bonds also dropped since the beginning of May. The interest rates are expected to decline further, which should stimulate the economy in the coming months.

Louisiana Unemployment Rate



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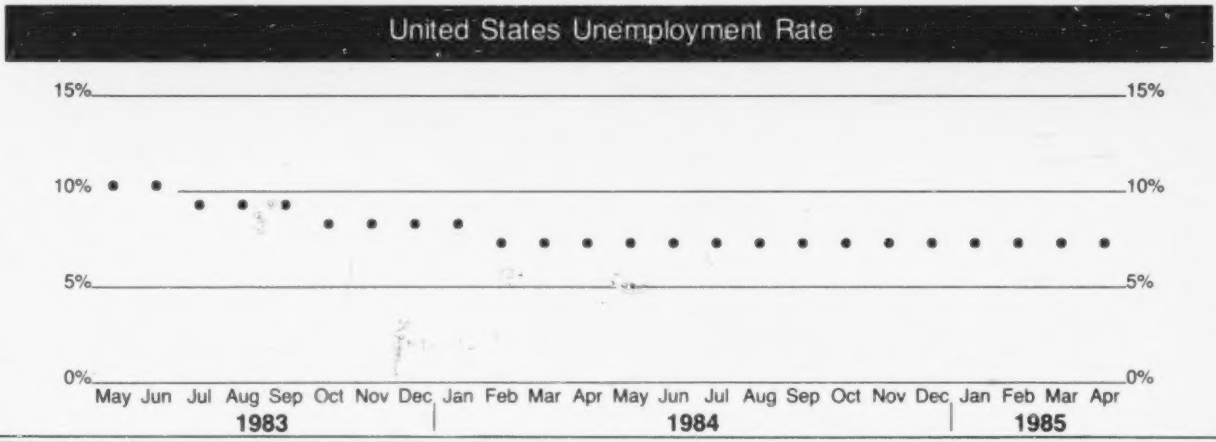
Louisiana

The Louisiana economy stagnated in April. The seasonally adjusted total employment declined 0.4 percent, although the total unadjusted employment level increased by 7,000 workers. The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 11.1 percent, compared with a revised 11.5 percent in March. Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment dropped by 1,800 in April. The decline in employment was primarily in the mining, transportation, trade, and government sectors. Mining employment was lower due to reduced production of oil and natural gas. Transportation employment declined due to a slowdown in the trucking industry and in the ports. The trade employment declined due to a cutback in wholesale trade. The construction sector; nondurables manufacturing sector; finance, insurance ,and real estate sector; and the government sector experienced employment gains in April.

The Louisiana Economic Indicator (LEI) declined one-half of one percent in April. The decline was due to a downturn in the component predicting mining activities. The components predicting manufacturing and construction activities have been increasing during the past few months. The current and anticipated decline in interest rates should revitalize construction, durables sales, and other interest-sensitive sectors of the economy.

General state sales collections reported in April were 26.7 percent higher than in March 1985 and 32.7 percent higher than in April 1984. The value of construction contracts was 5.5 percent lower than in March and two-tenths of one percent lower than in April 1984. New car and truck sales were 3 percent lower in May compared with April and 6.7 percent lower compared with May 1984. Crude runs to stills in March were 3.9 percent higher than in February and 1 percent higher than in March 1984. Comparing the latest twelve months with the prior twelve months, general sales taxes were 32.9 percent higher in the current period, partly due to the increase in the sales tax rate. The value of construction contracts was 5.6 percent lower and crude runs to stills were four tenths of one percent lower. New car sales dropped one-tenth of one percent and new truck sales increased 7.7 percent. The general economic outlook for the state is continued relatively high unemployment rates, which could be moderated slightly as a result of falling interest rates. No significant turnarounds are expected in the state's major industries such as oil and gas, refining or petrochemicals.


United States Unemployment Rate

Metropolitan Areas

Table 1 shows the latest trends in employment and unemployment rates in Louisiana and its metropolitan areas. Shreveport had the lowest unemployment rate while Lake Charles continues to have the highest rate. In February 1985, Shreveport replaced Lafayette as the metropolitan area with the lowest unemployment rate. The national ranking in column 5 of Table 1 shows that areas with higher unemployment rates had a higher ranking and vice versa. The ranking of 43 for Baton Rouge, according to unrevised April 1985 data, means 197 metro areas in the nation had lower unemployment rates and 42 had higher unemployment rates. Shreveport was ranked 68 and Lafayette was ranked 58. New Orleans was ranked 19 and Houma/Thibodaux was ranked 24. Lake Charles had the third highest unemployment rate among the 240 metropolitan areas of the country. All metropolitan areas in Louisiana fell in the ranking.

Comparing April 1985 with April 1984, all of the metropolitan areas had either employment losses or no change in total employment. Baton Rouge had the greatest absolute increase in total non-agricultural wage and salary employment (3,600) from April 1984, although the gain was less than in the previous months. The gains in Baton Rouge wage and salary employment were mainly in construction (8%); retail trade (2.7%); finance, insurance, and real estate (4.7%); and services (2.3%).

Many requests have come in for data on the leading economic indicators of the major metropolitan areas in the state. Table 3 shows the preliminary data for these new leading indicators of New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Shreveport. The New Orleans Leading Indicator increased slightly in April following the general trend of the past few months. This indicates that the New Orleans economy should improve by the end of the year. This trend might be reversed in future months as falling interest rates stimulate construction. The Baton Rouge leading indicator increased slightly in April after standing still during the past few months. This suggests a likely small turnaround for the local economy within the next six to nine months. The Shreveport leading indicator dropped 1 percent in April following a 1.3 percent drop in March. The decline in the Shreveport index reflects the short term uncertainties of the national economy. Shreveport is likely to benefit from the predicted gains in the U.S. economy. This is the first publication of the metropolitan leading economic indicators, and they are still in the experimental stage.

New Orleans

Construction, retail sales, port, and airport activities provide measures of metropolitan economic activity in addition to employment. The value of construction contracts in New Orleans was 1.3 percent lower in April than in March and 8.5 percent lower than in April 1984. Retail sales taxes reported in March decreased 16.3 percent compared with February and increased 21.5 percent compared with March 1984. Total cargo handled at the Port of New Orleans was two-tenths of one percent higher than in February and 23.6 percent lower than a year ago. The number of airline passengers decreased 6.3 percent since March and was virtually unchanged since April 1984. Comparing the latest twelve months with the prior twelve months, the value of construction dropped 4.3 percent and retail sales taxes increased 28.3 percent, partly due to the increase in sales tax rate. The total cargo handled by the port increased 13.9 percent and the number of airline passengers increased 14.5 percent in the current period.

Baton Rouge

The value of construction in Baton Rouge decreased 3.4 percent in April compared with the prior month and increased 23.0 percent since a year ago. Retail sales taxes reported in March increased 1.4 percent since February and increased 36.1 percent since March 1984. Total general cargo handled at the Baton Rouge port in April was 18.8 percent lower than in March and 8.7 percent higher than in April 1984. The number of airline passengers in April was 3.4 percent lower than in March and 11.5 percent higher than a year ago. Comparing the latest twelve months with the prior twelve months, the value of construction dropped 7.1 percent during the current period and state retail sales taxes increased 28.1 percent, partly as a result of the increase in sales tax. Total cargo handled by the port dropped 25.6 percent and the number of airline passengers increased 8.6 percent during the past twelve months.

Houma/Thibodaux

The value of construction contracts in Houma/Thibodaux was 42.2 percent lower in April than in March and 65.5 percent lower than in April 1984. Retail sales taxes reported in March were 2.7 percent higher than in February and 24.5 percent higher than in March 1984. Comparing the latest twelve months with the prior twelve months, retail sales taxes increased 25.6 percent, mainly due to the increase in sales tax rate.

Lafayette

The value of construction contracts in Lafayette during April was 32.8 percent lower than in March and 72.9 percent lower than in April 1984. Retail sales taxes reported in March were 3.8 percent lower than in February and 22.4 percent higher than in March 1984. The number of airline passengers in April was 8.5 percent higher than in March and 24.2 percent higher than in April 1984. Comparing the latest twelve months with the prior twelve months, the value of construction contracts dropped 10.5 percent during the past twelve months and retail sales taxes increased 30.6 percent. The number of airline passengers increased 19.1 percent during the latest twelve months.

Lake Charles

In Lake Charles, the value of construction contracts in April doubled since March 1985 and fell 80.2 percent compared with April 1984. Retail sales taxes reported in March increased 10.3 percent since February and increased 36 percent since March 1984. Total cargo handled by the port in April increased 2.1 percent since March and increased 48 percent since April 1984. The number of airline passengers increased 6.2 percent since March and was unchanged since April 1984. Comparing the current twelve months with the prior twelve months, the value of construction contracts decreased 55.5 percent in the current period. Retail sales taxes increased 24.7 percent in the current period and the number of airline passengers increased 14.2 percent.

Alexandria

In Alexandria, the value of construction contracts was 78.5 percent higher in April than in March and 20.7 percent higher than in April 1984. Retail sales taxes reported in March were 2.1 percent lower than in the prior month and 26.5 percent higher than a year ago. The number of airline passengers in April was 2.7 percent lower than in February and 7.5 percent lower than in April 1984. Comparing the latest twelve months with the prior twelve months, construction contracts fell 0.4 percent in the current period. Retail sales taxes increased 35.5 percent in the current twelve months and the number of airline passengers dropped approximately 21.4 percent.

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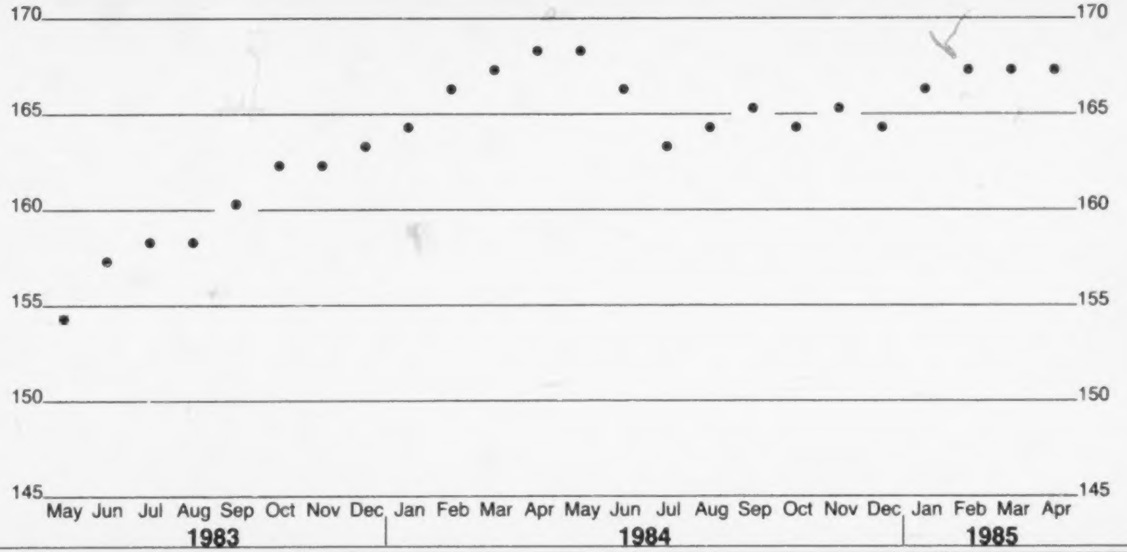
Table 3

Leading Indicators

Month	New Orleans			Baton Rouge			Shreveport		
	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985
Jan	100.0	**105.5**	97.3	96.2	**103.3**	98.2	98.0	**108.1**	102.1
Feb	100.5	**105.9**	97.5	96.8	**103.5**	98.2	100.0	**108.3**	100.8
Mar	100.9	**106.0**	97.6	97.4	**103.5**	98.2	102.1	**107.9**	99.5
Apr	101.9	**105.7**	97.8	98.0	**103.1**	98.3	104.1	**106.9**	98.4
May	102.1	**105.0**	na	98.7	**102.5**	na	105.9	**105.6**	na
Jun	102.9	**103.8**		99.3	**101.7**		107.1	**104.2**	
Jul	103.6	**102.4**		99.9	**100.8**		107.8	**103.2**	
Aug	104.1	**100.8**		100.5	**99.9**		108.0	**102.9**	
Sep	104.4	**99.3**		101.1	**99.2**		107.8	**102.9**	
Oct	104.6	**98.1**		101.8	**98.6**		107.5	**103.2**	
Nov	104.8	**97.5**		102.4	**98.3**		107.4	**103.4**	
Dec	105.1	**97.3**		102.9	**98.2**		107.6	**103.1**	

United States Index of 12-Leading Indicators

(1967 = 100)



Louisiana Leading Economic Indicator

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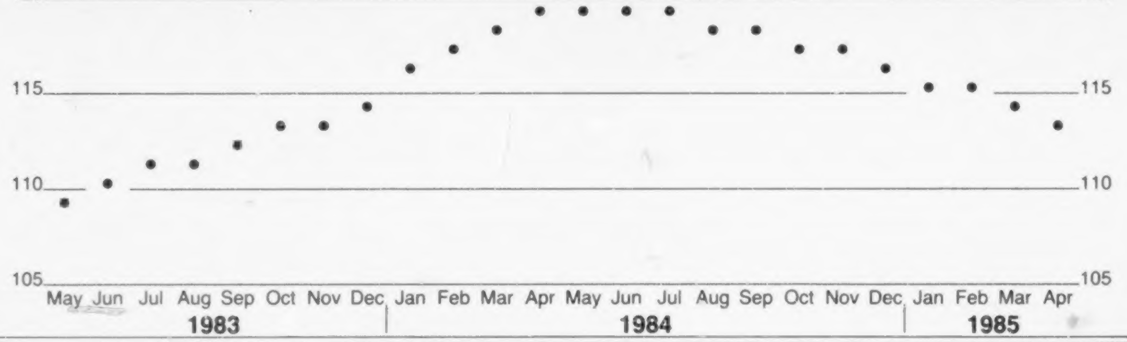

Table 2

	Unemployment Rate						Leading Indicators					
	Louisiana			United States			Louisiana 1976 = 100			United States 1967 = 100		
Month	**1983**	**1984**	**1985**	**1983**	**1984**	**1985**	**1983**	**1984**	**1985**	**1983**	**1984**	**1985**
Jan	11.8	**10.9**	11.4	10.4	**8.0**	7.4	107.2	**116.1**	115.6	145.2	**164.5**	166.4
Feb	12.7	**11.0**	11.9	10.2	**7.8**	7.3	107.5	**117.4**	115.0	147.4	**166.5**	167.6
Mar	12.7	**10.4**	11.9	10.2	**7.8**	7.3	107.9	**118.4**	114.4	150.2	**167.2**	167.7
Apr	12.4	**10.0**	11.2	10.2	**7.8**	7.3	108.5	**119.1**	113.8	152.5	**168.1**	167.4
May	12.3	**8.9**	na	10.1	**7.5**	7.3	109.3	**119.4**		154.4	**168.2**	na
Jun	12.5	**9.4**		10.0	**7.1**	na	110.3	**119.4**		157.3	**166.9**	
Jul	12.1	**9.4**		9.5	**7.5**		111.1	**119.3**		158.2	**163.9**	
Aug	11.7	**9.4**		9.5	**7.5**		111.8	**118.9**		158.9	**164.5**	
Sep	11.1	**9.5**		9.1	**7.4**		112.4	**118.4**		160.0	**165.9**	
Oct	10.5	**10.0**		8.8	**7.3**		113.0	**117.7**		162.4	**164.2**	
Nov	10.7	**10.2**		8.4	**7.1**		113.8	**117.0**		162.5	**165.3**	
Dec	10.3	**9.8**		8.2	**7.2**		114.9	**116.3**		163.4	**164.3**	

Economic Indicators: Louisiana State Per Cent Change

								Latest Month Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month **Prior Month**	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
■ Employment & Wage Statistics		Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		1,974.5	1,893.4	1,916.1	1,919.7	1,935.5	**1,932.2**	-0.5	***-0.2***	1.5
Total Employed (000)		1,772.5	1,707.7	1,696.9	1,690.5	1,705.0	**1,712.6**	-2.0	***0.4***	2.7
Non-Agricultural Employment (000)										
Non-Agricultural		1,581.1	1,611.0	1,587.8	1,584.7	1,588.5	**1,586.7**	-0.5	***-0.2***	0.7
Wholesale And Retail Trade		376.1	389.5	381.2	377.8	379.9	**380.0**	0.6	***0.0***	1.4
Government		324.3	326.0	321.1	327.2	328.3	**327.6**	1.2	***-0.3***	1.1
Services		311.9	313.3	311.2	313.0	312.6	**313.4**	0.4	***0.2***	1.8
Manufacturing		183.1	184.1	181.3	179.1	179.2	**179.1**	-0.5	***-0.1***	1.4
Transportation & Public Utilities		115.8	118.2	118.3	117.3	116.8	**116.3**	-1.3	***-0.5***	-0.1
Construction		107.1	114.1	110.2	106.9	108.2	**108.1**	-10.1	***-0.1***	-3.6
Finance, Ins, And RE		83.6	83.4	83.1	83.2	83.5	**83.7**	1.0	***0.2***	0.5
Mining		79.2	82.4	81.4	80.2	80.0	**79.2**	-1.4	***-1.0***	-0.1
Total Unemployed (000)		202.0	185.7	219.2	229.2	230.5	**219.6**	12.6	***-4.8***	-5.7
Unemployment Rate		10.2	9.8	11.4	11.9	11.9	**11.4**	14.0	***-4.3***	-7.3
Unemployment Benefits (000 Wks)		225.2	223.7	304.3	269.1	277.5	**270.0**	15.9	***-2.8***	-17.3
Unemployment Benefits ($ Mil)		33.7	33.4	45.0	39.3	40.4	**39.6**	15.4	***-2.0***	-20.3
Average Weekly Mfg Hours		42.2	41.8	41.2	41.5	41.4	**41.0**	-2.4	***-1.0***	1.9
Average Weekly Mfg Earnings	$	436.66	433.88	423.54	427.87	428.08	**428.45**	1.8	***0.0***	4.7
New Claims (000)		29.0	39.5	43.9	32.6	36.0	**29.2**	-5.6	***-18.9***	-18.4
Exhaustions (000)		6.0	6.0	7.4	6.1	6.6	**7.0**	6.0	***6.0***	-28.8
Regular State Unemploy Benefits										
Number of Recipients		206,233	205,314	279,915	247,224	256,004	**250,063**	na	***-2.4***	na
Benefits Paid	*$*	30,324,606	30,090,371	40,705,566	35,448,013	36,651,131	**36,157,957**	na	***-1.4***	na
Federal Employees										
Number of Recipients		1,707	1,007	1,258	1,038	1,003	**985**	na	***-1.8***	na
Benefits Paid	*$*	241,901	130,483	165,720	134,905	124,498	**123,511**	na	***-0.8***	na
Ex-Servicemen										
Number of Recipients		1,725	1,527	1,851	1,405	1,467	**1,380**	na	***-6.0***	na
Benefits Paid	*$*	257,221	228,353	274,147	205,896	217,767	**204,696**	na	***-6.1***	na
■ Retail Trade		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Total Retail Sales		1,695	1,845	2,156	1,560	1,467	**1,788**	2.2	***21.8***	5.5
Total Department Sales		169	220	314	131	126	**181**	9.0	***43.6***	8.4
■ Revenue Collections	**$**	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Alcoholic Beverages										
Liquor & Wine Tax		1,724,205	2,388,827	2,577,623	1,376,139	1,358,841	**1,368,342**	-16.5	***0.6***	-1.6
Beer Tax, State		2,100,450	2,608,772	2,463,256	1,977,574	2,579,866	**2,471,501**	-6.7	***-4.3***	-1.0
Retail Alcoholic Beverage		990,157	2,465,348	1,808,681	1,349,190	1,813,221	**1,721,262**	na	***-5.1***	na
Corporation Franchise Tax		10,068,267	13,270,657	4,246,084	4,478,588	7,984,315	**6,639,576**	49.0	***-16.9***	19.5
Gift		22,626	31,172	106,428	56,031	214,752	**1,389,558**	22.6	***547.0***	18.5
Hazardous Waste		7,621	838,094	1,598,493	4,986	18,090	**825,547**	na	***4,463.5***	na
Income										
Corporation Income Tax		11,716,800	33,605,229	3,011,987	2,001,967	13,620,215	**42,168,227**	13.6	***209.6***	-7.5
Individual Income Tax		36,500,746	44,349,367	61,766,780	20,733,303	20,351,936	**54,377,877**	5.6	***167.1***	55.2
Inheritance & Estate Transfer		2,692,272	3,544,477	2,380,725	2,051,515	3,349,715	**2,277,655**	-45.3	***-32.1***	-3.7
Natural Resources										
General Severance Tax		54,845,470	61,975,973	63,483,832	68,334,430	58,037,393	**57,075,451**	-12.2	***-1.7***	-12.6
Reforestation Severance		-4,926	266	39,091	5,735	5,958	**4,895**	-62.0	***-17.9***	13.7
Occupation License		21,213	31,463	19,858	34,840	12,574	**2,376**	-97.7	***-81.2***	-53.1
Petroleum Products										
Gasoline Tax		28,440,849	25,852,485	26,875,556	24,436,112	26,174,971	**22,951,312**	63.6	***-12.4***	69.4
Inspection Fee (Gasoline)		87,354	65,486	52,113	61,890	62,074	**46,416**	-32.2	***-25.3***	-7.4
Special Fuels		4,782,953	4,446,032	5,087,449	4,487,363	3,597,827	**5,169,339**	87.1	***43.6***	76.0
Public Utilities & Carriers										
Inspection & Superision Fee		17,061	347,995	673,778	57,240	6,814	**29,537**	147.4	***333.4***	16.7
Natural Gas Franchise		1,326,693	865,670	618,386	1,832,522	561,907	**239,474**	-78.8	***-57.4***	-18.0
Transportation & Communication		7,502,276	35,401	1,723,347	5,794,573	48,868	**756,715**	106.8	***1,448.4***	5.0
Louisiana General Sales tax		91,034,764	86,774,111	110,736,120	79,068,821	72,477,192	**91,894,305**	32.7	***26.7***	-99.2
Soft Drink		907,767	781,860	945,389	704,855	791,003	**894,967**	6.1	***13.1***	6.3
Soft Drink Permit		5,101	4,541	560	245	35	**110**	340.0	***214.2***	552.7
Tobacco		7,411,934	6,490,753	8,533,793	5,697,858	6,632,726	**7,201,934**	55.8	***8.5***	36.0
Tobacco Permit		10	255	300	145	25	**25**	150.0	***0.0***	-7.6
Unclaimed Property		127,586	184,579	18,918	7,136	25,378	**119,415**	-23.6	***370.5***	7.7
Other Taxes										
Beer Parishes & Municipalities		454,328	471,594	425,697	299,983	380,037	**516,159**	24.6	***35.8***	2.8
LA Stadium & Exposition District		1,382,370	1,354,101	891,676	606,594	678,909	**1,128,454**	51.1	***66.2***	39.3
New Orleans Exhibition Hall		594,426	591,806	360,736	253,173	258,588	**509,259**	66.1	***96.9***	47.0
Motor Vehicle Tax		10,268,023	10,017,261	12,880,315	9,501,371	12,587,477	**12,952,929**	35.7	***2.9***	33.2
Royalties, Rentals, and Bonuses		51,457,576	42,806,262	43,779,111	44,562,673	44,915,379	**35,468,188**	-23.1	***-21.1***	na
Total ($000)		326,485	346,199	357,106	279,776	278,546	**350,106**	10.1	***25.6***	29.5

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									Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
									Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
■ Construction			Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Value of Cons Contracts ($ Mil)			420.4	406.4	309.7	258.2	335.9	**317.5**	-0.2	***-5.5***	-5.6
Residential			110.5	86.5	125.4	91.0	134.2	**149.9**	-17.4	***11.6***	-16.0
Non-Residential			127.6	116.7	110.7	88.5	129.4	**113.9**	12.9	***-12.0***	19.1
Non-Building			182.3	203.2	73.6	78.7	72.3	**53.7**	50.0	***-25.8***	-16.1
Number Of Construction Contracts			2,063	1,733	2,254	1,625	2,656	**2,899**	-28.4	***9.1***	-28.1
FHLB Construction Loans ($ Mil)		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Construction											
Condominium	$	4.5	2.5	5.6	5.7	0.9	0.3	**0.6**	0.0	***100.0***	-28.5
1-to-4 Unit	$	17.5	19.9	12.6	16.8	10.5	19.0	**22.1**	0.0	***16.3***	36.4
5 or More	$	2.7	14.6	0.6	2.6	0.5	2.8	**0.5**	0.0	***-82.2***	-35.2
Non-Residential	$	8.4	10.2	13.5	14.9	6.9	15.6	**32.5**	0.0	***108.3***	-2.4
Purchases											
Single (New)	$	22.9	19.0	15.8	11.5	14.7	14.6	**13.9**	0.0	***-4.8***	50.0
Family (Other)	$	41.5	35.2	28.9	20.8	21.3	28.1	**36.8**	0.0	***30.9***	34.7
2-to-4 Unit	$	7.9	6.2	11.0	3.8	4.5	7.3	**5.1**	0.0	***-30.2***	36.7
5 or More	$	8.5	4.9	10.5	7.1	0.9	6.5	**4.0**	0.0	***-38.5***	5.2
Non-Residential	$	28.1	20.5	29.7	14.8	19.5	12.3	**10.5**	0.0	***-14.7***	37.0
Other											
Land Loans	$	22.3	17.1	22.4	20.0	21.6	24.9	**10.2**	0.0	***-59.1***	101.1
Refinancing	$	31.7	27.1	36.6	27.0	24.8	35.0	**27.7**	0.0	***-20.9***	22.6
All Other	$	34.1	24.5	15.1	17.7	12.4	22.5	**14.1**	0.0	***-37.4***	90.4
Total Loans Closed	$	230.1	201.6	202.3	162.6	138.6	188.9	**178.1**	-30.3	***-5.8***	-12.4
Loans in Process	$	368.8	367.8	325.3	316.2	302.0	290.8	**280.4**	0.0	***-3.6***	31.4
General Business Activity		Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**			
Corporation Filings											
Domestic Charters		646	654	1,139	885	1,265	1,079	**1,131**	72.6	***4.8***	5.9
Amendments To Domestic Charters		53	97	147	107	171	74	**92**	2.2	***24.3***	na
Notices of Dissolution		35	76	77	49	75	53	**81**	24.6	***52.8***	na
Dissolutions		83	159	236	180	326	372	**286**	550.0	***-23.2***	355.4
Mergers or Consolidations		4	188	123	105	111	108	**122**	154.1	***12.9***	105.0
Foreign Qualifications		105	123	94	139	144	160	**187**	21.4	***16.8***	na
Amendments to Foreign Charters		14	10	19	24	36	42	**21**	0.0	***-50.0***	129.6
Withdrawals		38	19	41	44	57	42	**32**	-18.0	***-23.9***	152.1
Telephone Lines (000)		1,738.6	1,736.6	1,730.4	1,727.1	1,732.0	1,727.1	**1,740.9**	1.2	***0.7***	na
Foreign Coal Exports (000 Tons)		782.9	571.3	571.4	351.7	580.4	457.9	**425.5**	na	***na***	na
Fuel Consumption (000 Gals)		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Gasoline		182,696	166,924	177,255	165,439	169,542	169,496	**178,212**	0.0	***5.1***	-2.5
Gasohol		3,237	6,693	8,212	6,492	2,067	5,681	**5,874**	na	***3.3***	na
Highway Diesel		29,563	27,390	31,374	27,625	21,924	31,981	**30,186**	0.4	***-5.7***	2.7
Highway LPG		334	449	379	436	461	338	**545**	12.3	***61.1***	-9.4
Total Fuel Consumption		215,831	201,458	217,221	199,994	193,995	207,497	**214,818**	2.9	***3.5***	0.0
Crude Petroleum Production		Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Crude Runs To Stills (Daily Avg.)											
CITGO Petroleum		225,172	225,172	202,917	201,536	133,145	134,644	**165,298**	-41.9	***22.7***	-16.4
CONOCO Inc.		116,223	132,584	116,733	103,115	117,228	129,113	**120,652**	-1.0	***-6.6***	18.8
EXXON Company		417,405	397,894	419,938	413,628	417,192	435,599	**452,213**	39.6	***3.8***	3.2
Gulf Oil Company		187,901	192,308	186,712	131,518	180,038	182,903	**186,297**	-0.6	***1.8***	8.9
Marathon Oil		165,152	164,669	174,557	166,041	165,547	165,033	**164,724**	-6.6	***-0.2***	-1.7
Murphy Oil Company		51,477	51,477	65,342	56,806	46,447	52,051	**45,139**	-17.2	***-13.3***	-14.2
Shell Oil Company		193,396	193,396	187,132	191,746	165,739	175,691	**186,612**	-2.6	***6.2***	1.3
Tenneco Oil Company		87,080	91,198	134,071	135,014	71,609	101,020	**97,119**	28.5	***-3.9***	14.9
Texaco Inc.		167,123	180,338	159,586	136,959	89,574	169,477	**173,840**	39.7	***2.5***	-4.2
Others		190,877	100,934	107,652	90,189	99,468	95,930	**114,993**	-23.1	***19.8***	-6.4
Total		1,801,806	1,729,970	1,754,640	1,626,552	1,485,987	1,641,461	**1,706,887**	1.0	***3.9***	-0.4
LOOP, Inc. Activity (Bbls)		Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Alaska		2,023,023	2,200,682	3,731,334	2,661,669	2,750,675	2,296,406	**3,629,906**	240.2	***58.0***	136.1
Mexico		5,025,305	4,379,807	3,059,212	3,770,488	3,191,561	3,013,535	**5,341,841**	-2.6	***77.2***	10.9
United Kingdom		475,638	518,406	497,257	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	-77.5
Iraq		589,078	391,766	0	628,689	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	24.0
Saudi Arabia		642,566	4,481,012	1,773,905	567,194	1,178,288	0	**0**	-100.0	***0.0***	-6.3
United Arab Emerits		475,638	2,176,892	1,418,251	1,897,566	0	0	**0**	-100.0	***0.0***	160.5
Nigeria		1,364,252	2,391,339	0	961,056	1,048,823	0	**0**	-100.0	***0.0***	-53.2
Gabon		0	0	970,817	783,015	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	23.2
Congo		0	885,439	0	0	0	0	**0**	-100.0	***0.0***	-39.1
Algeria		0	0	0	0	0	0	**1,113,539**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Other		0	450,513	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	-58.6
Total		10,595,500	17,875,856	11,450,776	11,269,677	8,169,347	5,309,941	**10,085,286**	-16.2	***89.9***	0.9

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Drilling Rigs	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: **Prior Month**	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Permits Issued	817	905	603	482	303	488	**397**	-10.8	***-18.7***	24.6
Wildcats Issued	84	78	46	44	35	37	**56**	75.0	***51.3***	5.4
Offshore Rigs	14	16	15	16	10	9	**8**	-38.5	***-11.2***	-5.6
Active Rigs	266	274	273	307	254	242	**220**	-9.5	***-9.1***	14.9

■ **Welfare Activity**	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Aid to Dependent Children									
Total Assistance Payments									
Persons									
Food Stamp Information									
Coupon Value									
Recipients									
Medicaid Information	This data series is being audited to avoid federal sanctions.								
Claims									
Benefits Paid									
Inpatient - General Hospital									
ICF Mental									
ICF I Services									
Physicians									
Drugs									

■ **Support Enforcement Services**	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
New Applications Received									
Number of Cases that Paid									
Amount Collected	This data series is being audited to avoid federal sanctions.								
Average Amount per Case									

■ **Gas Activity Report • MCF**	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Field Intake	57,664,642	54,065,655	57,592,158	55,993,448	51,045,073	**56,705,738**	-12.3	***11.0***	na
Pipeline & Other Intake	64,217,403	51,655,238	57,647,198	61,197,047	55,191,466	**55,636,349**	-17.3	***0.8***	na
Sales to Pipelines	100,021,075	85,255,029	93,345,554	95,339,583	87,025,673	**91,764,527**	-16.4	***5.4***	na
Sales to City Gates & Industrials	5,523,847	5,234,744	5,956,584	6,037,562	4,433,952	**4,465,379**	-25.7	***0.7***	na
Return to Field	1,861,452	2,066,196	2,481,246	2,591,266	2,355,067	**2,677,441**	42.5	***13.6***	na
Returned for Gas Lift	3,240,634	2,615,629	2,784,215	2,707,980	2,690,407	**2,917,923**	-3.7	***8.4***	na
Returned to Reservoir	1,901,836	1,957,875	1,670,459	1,888,657	1,668,275	**1,796,987**	-4.3	***7.7***	na
Vented	191,543	155,113	165,483	184,989	151,772	**166,058**	-50.3	***9.4***	na
Plant Fuel	3,795,414	3,498,757	3,601,861	3,489,210	3,189,230	**3,366,985**	-12.7	***5.5***	na
Shrinkage and Other	5,346,244	4,937,550	5,233,954	4,951,248	4,722,163	**5,186,787**	-0.8	***9.8***	na

■ **Beer Sales Information**		Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Number of Cases Sold		3,532,013	4,184,607	3,668,933	3,794,900	2,942,859	**3,332,654**	-11.0	***13.2***	-1.1
State Excise Tax Revenue	$	388,520	460,307	403,581	417,440	323,722	**366,590**	-11.0	***13.2***	-1.1

■ **State Employee's Retirement**		Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Retirement Benefits Disbursed										
Regular	*$*	11,982,815	13,643,005	11,650,452	11,852,408	11,793,816	**11,940,882**	25.8	***1.2***	23.8
Disability	*$*	772,344	774,479	790,964	794,953	796,264	**805,717**	14.8	***1.1***	14.8
Survivors	*$*	1,410,971	1,421,484	1,434,881	1,455,269	1,433,897	**1,500,447**	15.7	***4.6***	12.9
Total Benefits Disbursed	*$*	14,166,130	15,838,968	13,876,297	14,102,630	14,023,978	**14,247,046**	24.0	***1.5***	22.0
Average Check Amount										
Regular	*$*	822.43	889.90	758.99	770.54	767.28	**777.65**	12.1	***1.3***	13.5
Disability	*$*	497.00	496.14	502.20	501.86	500.80	**504.84**	8.1	***0.8***	8.2
Survivors	*$*	503.74	503.00	507.20	510.80	499.79	**520.09**	9.0	***4.0***	6.6

New Car Sales	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**			
Audi	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	96	na	na	na	**91**	na	***-100.9***	na
BMW	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	67	na	na	na	**67**	na	***-100.6***	na
Buick	1,434	1,166	1,459	948	1,013	929	875	1,089	776	1,031	983	**1,088**	-15.0	***10.6***	-7.9
Cadillac	437	374	457	331	379	350	305	408	292	338	357	**423**	-14.4	***18.4***	-15.2
Chevrolet	2,133	1,793	2,042	1,743	1,848	1,381	1,320	1,957	1,444	1,905	2,222	**1,924**	-7.5	***-13.5***	-0.1
Chrysler	415	357	426	363	444	523	349	490	434	568	581	**623**	63.0	***7.2***	60.3
Datsun	835	867	967	562	417	677	687	876	na	734	722	**803**	29.0	***11.2***	na
Dodge	610	315	372	345	454	509	328	534	452	600	558	**468**	10.9	***-16.2***	31.7
Ford	2,211	1,657	1,886	1,440	2,130	1,828	1,416	1,986	1,450	1,898	1,954	**1,922**	-0.6	***-1.7***	2.8
Honda	478	432	698	314	537	419	384	766	339	385	479	**454**	-8.1	***-5.3***	22.2
Lincoln	321	312	315	305	397	397	282	396	247	316	270	**281**	0.7	***4.0***	19.6
Mazda	223	199	207	226	214	190	129	185	172	200	201	**196**	-12.2	***-2.5***	-9.7
Mercedes	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	126	na	na	na	**103**	na	***-101.0***	na
Mercury	834	693	802	715	758	648	664	736	554	715	711	**644**	-22.8	***-9.5***	7.8
Oldsmobile	2,127	1,668	1,769	1,327	1 285	1,236	1,160	1,673	1,266	1,509	1,645	**1,767**	-17.2	***7.4***	-20.9
Plymouth	329	200	209	197	273	307	233	373	332	427	406	**284**	10.5	***-30.1***	41.0
Pontiac	1,259	977	1,174	836	1,114	838	748	1,018	696	1,030	1,252	**1,231**	5.0	***-1.7***	4.9
Porshe	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	36	na	na	na	**26**	na	***-100.2***	na
Renault	140	129	257	90	108	83	74	49	53	93	86	**63**	-35.1	***-26.8***	-7.0
Subaru	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	97	na	na	na	**108**	na	***-101.0***	na
Toyota	819	840	1,068	744	801	714	661	936	700	768	549	**780**	41.8	***42.0***	4.3
Volkswagen	102	107	93	108	88	60	78	113	92	111	125	**146**	13.1	***16.8***	3.4
Volvo	169	131	121	75	81	74	113	128	87	129	136	**136**	-4.3	***0.0***	-12.5
Other	593	445	445	472	499	392	412	164	960	514	482	**140**	-78.2	***-71.0***	-9.0
Total Car Sales	15,469	12,662	14,767	11,141	12,840	11,555	10,218	14,299	10,346	13,271	13,719	**13,768**	-2.8	***0.3***	0.6

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New Truck Sales	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: **Prior Month**	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Chevrolet	2,172	1,792	2,006	1,586	1,803	1,561	1,376	1,912	1,281	1,762	1,817	**2,156**	-0.6	***18.6***	-5.0
Datsun	399	299	225	178	300	276	298	566	na	368	452	**357**	10.8	***-21.1***	na
Dodge	965	750	703	576	750	651	631	875	802	1,004	1,006	**891**	14.5	***-11.5***	36.0
Ford	2,718	2,129	2,229	1,855	2,261	1,969	1,679	2,233	1,681	2,158	2,177	**2,154**	-11.3	***-1.1***	-1.7
GMC	661	499	590	437	641	508	399	547	382	513	535	**649**	-6.9	***21.3***	3.2
International	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	35	na	na	na	**63**	na	***-100.6***	na
Mazda	197	144	186	178	198	108	116	183	150	152	140	**126**	-32.7	***-10.0***	6.2
Peterbilt	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	4	na	na	na	**2**	na	***-100.0***	na
Toyota	850	576	781	793	678	481	481	823	642	674	592	**720**	13.5	***21.6***	32.4
Other	583	439	509	445	474	388	431	472	839	551	671	**584**	5.4	***-13.0***	45.6
Total Truck Sales	8,545	6,628	7,229	6,048	7,105	5,942	5,411	7,650	5,777	7,182	7,390	**7,702**	-0.9	***4.2***	7.7

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Shreveport

The value of construction contracts in Shreveport dropped 40.5 percent in April and increased 4.3 percent since April 1984. Retail sales taxes reported during March were 3.1 percent lower than in the previous month and 26.9 percent higher than in March 1984. The number of airline passengers in April increased 0.7 percent from March and increased 6.6 percent since April 1984. Comparing the latest twelve months with the prior twelve months the value of construction contracts was 8.4 percent higher in the current period. Retail sales taxes increased 27.4 percent during the current twelve month period and the number of airline passengers dropped 7.6 percent.

Monroe

In Monroe, the value of construction contracts increased 13.9 percent in April since March and increased 116.3 percent since April 1984. Retail sales taxes reported in March fell 6.9 percent since February and increased 28.6 percent since March 1984. The number of airline passengers in April fell 1.1 percent but had increased 6 percent since March 1984. Comparing the latest twelve months with the prior twelve months the value of construction increased 28.1 percent in the last year and retail sales increased 42.1 percent.

Table 1

Data on Louisiana Metropolitan Areas

State/Metro Areas	Unemployment Rate 4/85 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Unemployment Rate 3/85 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Unemployment Rate 4/84 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Ranking by Unadjusted Unemployment Rates Among 51 States and 240 Metro Areas 4/85*	% Change in Number of Persons Employed 4/84-4/85
Louisiana	11.2%	11.1%	11.9%	11.5%	10.0%	10.2%	2**	-2.0%
Alexandria	8.8%	8.9%	9.8%	9.9%	8.1%	8.1%	52	-0.2%
Baton Rouge	9.4%	9.5%	9.7%	9.7%	8.1%	8.2%	43	-0.5%
Houma/Thibodaux	11.1%	na	11.8%	na	11.3%	na	24	-0.7%
Lafayette	8.5%	8.6%	9.1%	8.7%	8.2%	8.3%	58	-2.7%
Lake Charles	15.5%	15.4%	15.9%	14.8%	14.6%	14.5%	3	-6.1%
Monroe	9.3%	9.5%	10.2%	9.9%	9.1%	9.3%	44	-3.0%
New Orleans	11.5%	11.4%	11.7%	11.5%	[illegible]	9.0%	19	-4.2%
Shreveport	8.1%	8.3%	8.8%	8.4%	[illegible]	8.0%	68	0.0%

*Ranked from highest unemployment rate to lowest unemployment rate. The metropolitan area with the highest [illegible]ployment rate is ranked number 1 and the area with the lowest unemployment rate is ranked number 240.

**Louisiana's rank among the 51 states.

Economic Indicators: New Orleans Area

									Per Cent Change		
									Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
									Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Employment & Wage Statistics		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		544.6	543.3	561.4	570.3	568.6	571.2	**569.2**	-1.5	***-0.4***	2.2
Total Employed (000)		491.4	488.8	506.6	506.7	502.0	504.2	**502.9**	-4.3	***-0.3***	1.9
Average Weekly Mfg Earnings	$	367.88	373.20	419.02	422.99	430.95	431.36	**430.52**	-1.4	***-0.2***	6.7
Average Weekly Mfg Hours		39.6	40.0	40.8	40.8	41.2	41.2	**40.5**	-4.1	***-1.7***	3.4
Total Unemployed (000)		53.2	54.5	54.8	63.6	66.6	67.0	**66.3**	26.7	***-1.1***	4.5
Unemployment Rate		9.8	10.0	9.8	11.2	11.7	11.7	**11.6**	27.4	***-0.9***	1.7
Regular State Unemployment Benefits											
Number of Recipients		60,253	60,972	62,047	80,436	69,072	73,945	**76,074**	na	***2.8***	na
Benefits Paid	$	9,170,774	9,395,661	9,440,908	12,130,755	10,333,617	10,996,280	**11,422,954**	na	***3.8***	na
Construction		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)		270,846	264,845	273,454	295,430	331,338	300,463	**275,426**	2.5	***-8.4***	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)		120.8	71.7	55.4	94.3	52.8	94.1	**93.2**	-8.5	***-1.0***	-4.3
Residential		57.5	30.6	22.0	53.3	28.5	36.3	**61.8**	-0.5	***70.2***	-7.8
Non-Residential		63.3	41.1	33.4	41.0	24.3	57.8	**31.4**	-21.0	***-45.7***	-0.4
Number Of Construction Contracts		598	661	391	884	566	615	**1,018**	-39.7	***65.5***	-28.7
FHLB Constraction Loans ($ Mil)		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Construction											
Condominium	$	0.5	2.0	1.2	0.9	0.9	0.3	**0.2**	-91.0	***-33.4***	na
1-to-4 Unit	$	7.2	4.6	5.7	6.0	3.6	6.1	**7.0**	-54.6	***14.7***	na
5 or More	$	1.5	8.3	0.0	1.1	0.5	2.2	**0.3**	-87.0	***-86.4***	na
Non-Residential	$	3.7	2.7	4.2	10.7	3.6	10.6	**7.4**	-71.9	***-30.2***	na
Purchases											
Single (New)	$	11.7	8.8	6.7	5.0	7.1	7.0	**5.4**	-55.8	***-22.9***	na
Family (Other)	$	26.8	20.9	16.1	11.4	8.4	14.3	**19.9**	-20.8	***39.1***	na
2-to-4 Unit	$	7.3	4.9	5.6	2.7	3.6	5.2	**4.9**	-57.1	***-5.8***	na
5 or More	$	4.5	1.0	3.4	5.9	0.3	0.2	**0.7**	-88.2	***250.0***	na
Non-Residential	$	24.3	16.3	18.0	11.7	13.7	9.9	**6.7**	-48.5	***-32.4***	na
Other											
Land Loans	$	6.3	9.8	9.5	6.2	1.3	3.6	**2.9**	-64.2	***-19.5***	na
Refinancing	$	16.1	12.2	24.1	10.8	10.5	17.5	**13.6**	-29.2	***-22.3***	na
All Other	$	20.5	11.0	7.4	6.1	3.7	9.1	**7.1**	-15.5	***-22.0***	na
Total Loans Closed	$	130.4	102.7	102.0	78.4	56.8	86.0	**76.0**	-49.2	***-11.7***	-24.3
Loans in Process	$	192.6	192.9	161.1	147.2	152.2	140.1	**134.7**	-52.1	***-3.9***	na
Seaport Activity (000 Tons)		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Breakbulk Cargo		321.6	147.2	234.7	252.6	340.1	305.1	**144.9**	-47.9	***-52.6***	15.0
Imports		249.5	145.1	206.4	243.4	269.9	260.9	**117.5**	-53.8	***-55.0***	27.3
Exports		72.1	2.1	28.3	9.2	70.2	44.2	**27.4**	15.6	***-38.1***	-25.4
Container Cargo		131.3	203.3	168.6	113.8	198.7	77.4	**207.8**	-4.6	***168.4***	-8.5
Imports		63.1	86.6	75.4	50.4	95.8	40.2	**95.6**	2.2	***137.8***	-2.9
Exports		68.2	116.7	93.2	63.4	102.9	37.2	**112.2**	-9.8	***201.6***	-12.7
Ro-Ro Cargo		85.9	74.3	52.4	86.2	134.4	31.5	**105.9**	78.8	***236.1***	26.1
Imports		31.0	25.4	18.1	28.0	41.8	13.5	**37.5**	43.1	***177.7***	27.0
Exports		54.9	48.9	34.3	58.2	92.6	18.0	**68.4**	107.2	***280.0***	25.6
Lash & Seabee Cargo		17.2	1.6	22.1	3.9	6.6	11.5	**25.1**	-2.4	***118.2***	-53.5
Imports		14.5	1.6	10.9	2.6	5.9	8.6	**11.0**	-15.4	***27.9***	-44.8
Exports		2.7	0.0	11.2	1.3	0.7	2.9	**14.1**	11.0	***386.2***	-66.6
Bulk Terminal Cargo		155.5	64.7	70.1	120.7	91.1	124.8	**73.7**	-57.8	***-41.0***	-9.7
Imports		151.8	62.9	61.1	97.2	80.1	120.2	**66.3**	-60.6	***-44.9***	0.6
Exports		3.7	1.8	9.0	23.5	11.0	4.6	**7.4**	13.8	***60.8***	-48.0
Grain Exports		978.8	1,050.6	1,317.0	1,189.1	808.5	785.3	**782.2**	-21.5	***-0.4***	25.4
Total		1,690.3	1,541.7	1,864.9	1,766.3	1,579.4	1,335.6	**1,339.6**	-23.6	***0.2***	13.9
Vessel Arrivals		330	347	387	336	301	332	**349**	-0.9	***5.1***	5.1
Grain Deliveries (Mil Bushels)		33.4	38.0	42.8	39.4	27.4	28.2	**26.8**	-20.0	***-5.0***	22.7
Coffee Imports (000 Bags)		329.7	0.0	296.0	226.0	241.2	339.0	**397.5**	8.3	***17.2***	0.8
Duty Collected ($ Mil)		17	19	19	18	16	13	**14**	-17.7	***7.6***	16.5
Import Cars Loaded		256	218	226	286	234	332	**225**	-9.0	***-32.3***	9.4
Airport Activity		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Cargo (Tons)		191	177	167	175	155	163	**183**	10.2	***12.2***	-0.1
Flight Arrivals		5,823	5,049	5,034	5,074	4,369	4,907	**4,867**	-13.9	***-0.9***	7.4
Passengers (000)											
Enplaned		309.4	263.1	234.6	218.4	243.5	279.3	**260.5**	-0.4	***-6.8***	14.5
Deplaned		315.1	258.6	223.3	225.4	243.3	280.4	**264.1**	0.7	***-5.9***	14.5
Mail (Tons)											
Enplaned		927.5	478.0	851.5	618.1	608.3	658.1	**621.1**	4.3	***-5.7***	12.8
Deplaned		641.2	657.6	870.0	669.5	545.4	538.1	**570.3**	-7.9	***5.9***	2.0
Freight (Tons)											
Enplaned		1,082.3	1,182.2	1,112.2	1,185.7	855.3	1,079.8	**1,042.5**	1.1	***-3.5***	5.5
Deplaned		1,638.3	1,585.0	1,271.1	1,493.9	1,204.3	1,269.8	**1,241.7**	-15.0	***-2.3***	-4.1
Express (Tons)											
Enplaned		15.6	15.4	8.2	5.3	10.5	17.1	**22.2**	70.7	***29.8***	1.4
Deplaned		35.2	27.4	24.3	20.2	26.4	29.9	**29.6**	-8.1	***-1.1***	-5.3

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■ Gas Activity Report • MCF	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Field Intake	5,628,358	5,244,040	5,479,944	4,993,400	4,425,305	**5,087,082**	5.5	***14.9***	7.0
Pipeline & Other Intake	19,557,273	18,534,416	19,910,295	19,689,353	17,130,235	**17,297,941**	-18.6	***0.9***	0.7
Sales to Pipelines	20,773,563	19,700,922	21,022,822	19,465,661	17,614,133	**17,801,883**	-18.4	***1.0***	1.5
Sales to City Gates & Industrials	458,390	459,001	478,080	463,589	435,756	**485,773**	1.5	***11.4***	1.1
Return to Field	754,200	527,438	706,890	710,982	745,076	**1,023,073**	56.0	***37.3***	13.2
Returned for Gas Lift	1,180,098	1,123,056	1,187,097	1,178,434	1,066,854	**1,151,609**	-3.3	***7.9***	-5.0
Returned to Reservoir	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Vented	7,415	1,870	2,024	6,389	36,915	**614**	-71.6	***-98.4***	-43.1
Plant Fuel	850,168	764,564	807,728	765,958	722,632	**852,111**	6.9	***17.9***	-0.6
Shrinkage and Other	1,161,797	1,201,605	1,185,598	1,091,740	934,174	**1,069,960**	-4.7	***14.5***	6.8

Retail Trade	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Department Store Sales ($000)	47,957	48,833	64,027	92,058	39,000	36,888	**54,062**	17.6	***46.5***	5.4
Number of Department Stores	43	44	44	44	39	39	**39**	2.6	***0.0***	na

Beer Sales Information	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Number of Cases Sold	1,566,902	1,155,134	1,380,207	1,122,576	1,169,430	952,870	**1,109,746**	-11.0	***16.4***	-0.2
State Excise Tax Revenue	$ 172,359	127,065	151,823	123,482	128,638	104,822	**122,072**	-11.0	***16.4***	-0.2

Welfare Activity	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**
Aid To Dependent Children							
Total Assistance Payments							
Persons							
Food Stamp Information							
Coupon Value							
Recipients							
Medicaid Information							
Claims							
Benefits Paid							
Inpatient - General Hospital							
ICF Mental							
ICF I Services							
Physicians							
Drugs							

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Support Enforcement Services	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**
New Applications Received							
Number of Cases that Paid							
Amount Collected							
Average Amount per Case							

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General Business Activity	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Attendance at Conventions & Meetings	52,883	45,800	13,837	29,460	49,875	54,150	**30,825**	-50.2	***-43.1***	-11.0
Telephone Lines (000)	793.0	790.9	790.7	792.5	789.1	791.3	**789.7**	0.9	***-0.3***	na

Revenue Collections $	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Retail Sales Tax - State	22,559,553	23,782,375	21,913,157	27,401,996	23,348,542	19,551,969	**23,723,931**	36.5	***21.3***	30.9
Severance Tax	3,327,018	4,487,722	5,446,799	5,234,888	5,606,311	5,260,295	**na**	na	***na***	na
Minimum Royalty	4,314,632	4,112,950	3,782,129	5,547,235	4,897,991	4,100,711	**3,492,198**	na	***-14.9***	na
Hotel/Motel Room Occupancy										
LA Stadium & Exposition District	1,089,247	1,382,370	1,354,101	891,676	606,594	678,909	**1,128,454**	51.1	***66.2***	39.3
New Orleans Exhibition Hall	437,800	594,426	591,806	360,736	253,173	258,588	**509,259**	66.1	***96.9***	47.0

New Car Sales	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Audi	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	29	na	na	na	**38**	na	***-100.3***	na
BMW	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	22	na	na	na	**24**	na	***-100.2***	na
Buick	498	354	475	295	317	303	255	323	267	299	339	**339**	-15.5	***0.0***	-2.9
Cadillac	148	113	147	93	138	125	108	113	101	110	125	**169**	0.0	***35.2***	-9.3
Chevrolet	547	453	479	392	426	353	356	487	366	496	602	**522**	4.6	***-13.3***	-1.5
Chrylser	79	55	102	88	106	97	71	121	72	153	140	**136**	49.4	***-2.9***	60.5
Datsun	292	340	387	230	167	272	258	330	na	235	256	**303**	19.2	***18.3***	na
Dodge	161	126	140	141	144	159	101	176	114	190	164	**165**	6.4	***0.6***	1.8
Ford	675	558	663	463	616	591	463	535	452	627	602	**490**	-18.0	***-18.7***	-1.7
Honda	144	142	228	86	124	131	97	213	93	125	150	**135**	-15.7	***-10.0***	7.9
Lincoln	81	91	120	83	102	151	71	112	42	97	79	**67**	-5.7	***-15.2***	16.1
Mazda	66	65	83	83	60	60	45	64	52	56	66	**79**	-14.2	***19.6***	-9.4
Mercedes	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	36	na	na	na	**38**	na	***-100.3***	na
Mercury	234	208	237	200	199	164	161	211	153	177	209	**148**	-32.8	***-29.2***	12.7
Oldsmobile	599	472	484	363	371	370	336	451	377	380	395	**463**	-21.4	***17.2***	-18.4
Plymouth	75	52	64	64	65	75	63	109	92	95	141	**90**	52.5	***-36.2***	54.8
Pontiac	281	290	305	252	293	231	220	279	185	273	317	**275**	-20.3	***-13.3***	18.5
Porshe	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	9	na	na	na	**10**	na	***-100.1***	na
Renault	42	43	79	30	34	24	19	23	20	28	31	**22**	-38.9	***-29.1***	-29.1
Subaru	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	19	na	na	na	**32**	na	***-100.3***	na
Toyota	301	301	322	220	230	233	232	261	227	254	174	**264**	46.6	***51.7***	-1.5
Volkswagen	35	55	45	50	55	25	42	49	52	48	53	**66**	50.0	***24.5***	35.2
Volvo	66	51	35	17	25	19	39	40	25	24	44	**42**	-2.4	***-4.6***	-12.2
Other	244	166	157	188	189	157	181	91	372	209	195	**83**	-67.5	***-57.5***	-8.9
Total Car Sales	4,568	3,935	4,552	3,338	3,661	3,540	3,118	4,103	3,062	3,876	4,082	**4,000**	-6.2	***-2.1***	0.1

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													Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
New Truck Sales	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**	Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Chevrolet	466	374	359	285	331	327	237	332	267	370	383	**486**	16.8	***26.8***	-1.3
Datsun	91	84	51	47	66	68	53	139	na	74	104	**90**	-6.3	***-13.5***	na
Dodge	204	158	147	123	127	179	145	170	122	177	245	**175**	-3.9	***-28.6***	16.7
Ford	636	485	542	480	478	493	400	468	394	543	556	**518**	-9.8	***-6.9***	-5.0
GMC	69	49	74	40	69	66	40	62	36	61	79	**79**	14.4	***0.0***	23.5
International	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	8	na	na	na	**3**	na	***-100.0***	na
Mazda	28	22	26	32	29	16	20	29	21	25	23	**21**	-40.0	***-8.7***	-6.5
Peterbilt	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	0	na	na	na	**0**	na	***-100.0***	na
Toyota	231	178	187	180	189	130	125	174	201	217	165	**222**	21.3	***34.5***	36.0
Other	160	118	165	105	115	126	141	140	223	153	232	**194**	32.8	***-16.4***	66.5
Total Truck Sales	1,885	1,468	1,551	1,292	1,404	1,405	1,161	1,522	1,264	1,620	1,787	**1,788**	5.1	***0.0***	8.7

Economic Indicators: Baton Rouge Area — Per Cent Change

									Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Employment & Wage Statistics		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		254.4	254.0	249.3	252.1	250.1	251.0	**251.3**	1.0	***0.1***	3.6
Total Employed (000)		231.4	230.7	227.8	228.3	225.4	226.7	**227.5**	-0.5	***0.3***	3.9
Total Unemployed (000)		23.0	23.3	21.5	23.8	24.7	24.3	**23.8**	18.4	***-2.1***	0.1
Unemployment Rate		8.8	9.2	8.6	9.5	9.9	9.7	**9.5**	17.2	***-2.1***	-3.3
Average Weekly Mfg Earnings	$	488.82	502.80	502.07	546.74	519.95	536.59	**527.11**	2.3	***-1.8***	5.0
Average Weekly Mfg Hours		40.6	41.9	41.7	43.6	42.9	44.2	**43.1**	-0.7	***-2.5***	0.5
Regular State Unemployment Benefits											
Number of Recipients		25,539	26,620	25,247	30,676	26,156	26,602	**26,005**	na	***-2.3***	na
Benefits Paid	$	4,072,042	4,285,349	4,101,455	4,960,184	4,173,097	4,228,481	**4,164,756**	na	***-1.6***	na
Construction		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)		30,211	30,546	38,751	40,306	39,025	33,163	**36,396**	24.7	***9.7***	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)		96.1	49.1	49.7	54.7	38.2	53.1	**51.3**	23.0	***-3.4***	-7.1
Residential		39.4	17.0	16.9	28.2	18.6	26.5	**22.8**	-11.7	***-14.0***	-24.1
Non-Residential		56.7	32.1	32.8	26.5	19.6	26.6	**28.5**	79.2	***7.1***	19.7
Number Of Construction Contracts		1,626	845	264	651	308	573	**457**	-16.0	***-20.3***	-21.9
FHLB Constraction Loans ($ Mil)		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Construction											
Condominium	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
1-to-4 Unit	$	5.6	1.7	1.4	3.3	2.0	5.2	**3.4**	0.0	***-34.7***	na
5 or More	$	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.2**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Non-Residential	$	3.5	0.9	0.9	0.3	1.5	0.8	**0.9**	0.0	***12.5***	na
Purchases											
Single (New)	$	4.0	2.8	3.0	2.3	2.6	1.8	**2.8**	0.0	***55.5***	na
Family (Other)	$	3.2	2.3	2.2	1.6	1.5	3.2	**2.7**	0.0	***-15.7***	na
2-to-4 Unit	$	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.9	**0.0**	0.0	***-100.0***	na
5 or More	$	0.0	1.9	2.1	0.0	0.0	3.9	**0.6**	0.0	***-84.7***	na
Non-Residential	$	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.5	1.2	**0.7**	0.0	***-41.7***	na
Other											
Land Loans	$	1.2	0.0	2.1	2.5	0.3	9.1	**1.0**	0.0	***-89.1***	na
Refinancing	$	1.1	3.3	2.8	0.5	1.4	4.4	**3.0**	0.0	***-31.9***	na
All Other	$	2.2	3.6	0.7	3.9	2.7	6.7	**0.9**	0.0	***-86.6***	na
Total Loans Closed	$	20.8	16.6	16.2	15.3	12.3	37.1	**16.0**	0.6	***-56.9***	2.5
Loans In Process	$	38.8	37.4	33.8	33.2	31.6	46.5	**40.4**	0.0	***-13.2***	na
Baton Rouge Port Activity		Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**			
Net Tonnage Summary By Facility											
Cargo Docks		22,795	35,221	29,372	25,379	44,407	37,359	**24,291**	-64.6	***-35.0***	-34.3
Barge Terminal		8,585	10,293	14,319	14,554	11,640	10,071	**13,277**	-12.1	***31.8***	7.6
Molasses Terminal		43,785	0	7,722	0	12,502	3,603	**31,933**	48.5	***786.2***	18.5
Petroleum Terminal		66,444	10,730	35,758	38,740	53,215	48,956	**93,220**	-40.6	***90.4***	-70.3
MS Mooring Facility		116,303	81,123	60,476	123,800	129,754	162,588	**99,092**	378.0	***-39.1***	52.1
MISC. Mid - Stream		na	na	na	12,317	na	0	**1,800**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Cargill Elevator		na	na	336,950	213,428	232,932	131,294	**5,402**	-96.3	***-95.9***	na
Total		257,912	137,367	484,597	428,218	484,537	393,871	**269,015**	-4.9	***-31.7***	-21.6
Coal Exports (000 Tons)		60,906	57,710	60,478	123,800	129,754	140,763	**62,446**	0.0	***-55.7***	69.4
General Business Activity		Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**			
Airline Cargo											
Inbound		170,829	77,010	173,083	165,028	196,781	189,567	**225,353**	16.4	***18.8***	1.4
Outbound		77,423	86,529	159,568	80,164	93,883	96,152	**95,808**	-9.0	***-0.4***	11.1
Airline Passenger Boardings		26,903	24,785	24,286	24,296	30,355	29,343	**33,530**	19.7	***14.2***	10.0
Classified Advertisement Lineage (000)		1,316.9	1,210.0	1,173.2	1,215.8	1,430.9	1,318.6	**1,500.6**	0.0	***13.8***	4.6
Classified Advertisement Count (000)		100.2	92.2	97.4	92.8	113.1	105.0	**120.2**	3.4	***14.4***	1.2
Telephone Lines (000)		246.0	245.0	244.5	244.5	246.6	244.5	**248.0**	3.2	***1.4***	na
Beer Sales Information		Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Number of Cases Sold		560,383	403,684	482,784	418,802	439,890	349,252	**365,466**	-11.5	***4.6***	-1.9
State Excise Tax Revenue	$	61,642	44,406	53,106	46,068	48,388	38,418	**40,201**	-11.5	***4.6***	-1.9
Welfare Activity		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Aid To Dependent Children											
Total Assistance Payments											
Persons											
Food Stamp Information											
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Economic Indicators: Baton Rouge Area — Per Cent Change

Support Enforcement Services	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
New Application Received										
Number of Cases that Paid										
Amount Collected				This data series is being audited to avoid federal sanctions.						
Average Amount per Case										

Revenue Collections $	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Retail Sales Tax - State	9,300,194	9,118,258	9,341,756	12,463,466	8,348,094	8,466,992	**9,931,403**	37.4	***17.2***	30.6
Severance Tax	2,753,586	3,508,975	3,732,500	3,614,585	3,513,769	3,494,550	**na**	na	***na***	na
Minimum Royalty	209,684	2,736,774	299,050	2,044,813	421,268	367,106	**674,327**	na	***83.6***	na

Retail Trade	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Department Store Sales ($000)	24,908	26,383	35,127	51,264	21,797	20,991	**29,160**	6.3	***38.9***	1.8
Number of Department Stores	26	26	26	26	22	22	**22**	0.0	***0.0***	na

New Car Sales	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Audi	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	17	na	na	na	**25**	na	***-100.2***	na
BMW	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	8	na	na	na	**22**	na	***-100.2***	na
Buick	150	110	198	114	97	110	102	118	92	175	78	**135**	-10.6	***73.0***	-3.1
Cadillac	54	50	71	48	37	32	30	49	24	29	42	**35**	-16.7	***-16.7***	-29.2
Chevrolet	292	216	296	242	234	194	201	244	148	210	368	**218**	-22.2	***-40.8***	5.5
Chrysler	76	59	86	68	68	54	41	61	46	64	51	**83**	84.4	***62.7***	38.3
Datsun	173	158	211	91	64	111	156	173	na	153	154	**184**	85.8	***19.4***	na
Dodge	76	19	59	57	39	39	47	55	53	74	45	**53**	-15.9	***17.7***	45.9
Ford	348	180	259	153	185	166	115	300	126	234	165	**256**	29.9	***55.1***	-2.7
Honda	89	62	140	74	178	77	79	230	44	101	96	**89**	14.1	***-7.3***	64.3
Lincoln	37	40	29	22	34	29	29	50	27	23	25	**21**	-16.0	***-16.0***	19.6
Mazda	37	29	19	18	22	18	16	16	22	31	24	**22**	-4.4	***-8.4***	1.4
Mercedes	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	11	na	na	na	**18**	na	***-100.1***	na
Mercury	150	96	112	75	75	78	55	92	52	61	50	**67**	6.3	***34.0***	33.1
Oldsmobile	252	161	187	166	114	117	94	171	108	136	148	**178**	-2.8	***20.2***	-22.8
Plymouth	36	24	35	26	35	49	30	49	44	65	43	**45**	50.0	***4.6***	57.7
Pontiac	207	98	167	102	127	100	98	111	84	123	105	**167**	18.4	***59.0***	-17.9
Porshe	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	6	na	na	na	**4**	na	***-100.0***	na
Renault	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	-97.9
Subaru	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	20	na	na	na	**23**	na	***-100.2***	na
Toyota	279	279	401	311	293	227	209	369	241	264	180	**253**	74.4	***40.5***	9.0
Volkswagen	19	11	18	13	7	8	6	18	14	26	15	**20**	-4.8	***33.3***	-9.4
Volvo	57	39	45	38	29	27	36	48	28	68	49	**55**	12.2	***12.2***	-16.6
Other	107	64	83	96	95	54	57	30	176	76	76	**21**	-80.8	***-72.4***	-24.3
Total Car Sales	2,441	1,695	2,416	1,714	1,733	1,490	1,401	2,246	1,329	1,913	1,714	**1,994**	14.3	***16.3***	1.2

New Truck Sales	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Chevrolet	279	161	267	229	174	137	180	204	125	193	206	**244**	28.4	***18.4***	-1.2
Datsun	111	68	62	37	67	47	60	142	na	80	94	**60**	-9.1	***-36.2***	na
Dodge	169	88	164	82	113	85	89	99	117	152	124	**137**	0.0	***10.4***	7.2
Ford	388	238	303	226	233	192	181	279	175	249	215	**262**	16.9	***21.8***	-5.9
GMC	69	40	36	46	50	46	31	34	18	33	34	**44**	-21.5	***29.4***	12.1
International	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	1	na	na	na	**39**	na	***-100.3***	na
Mazda	27	18	35	25	48	23	28	34	29	15	17	**26**	-16.2	***52.9***	0.3
Peterbilt	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	1	na	na	na	**0**	na	***-100.0***	na
Toyota	409	243	396	407	298	181	196	364	288	256	226	**286**	3.6	***26.5***	17.4
Other	92	45	48	57	50	36	60	63	118	74	74	**74**	4.2	***0.0***	29.4
Total Truck Sales	1,544	901	1,311	1,109	1,033	747	825	1,221	870	1,052	990	**1,172**	11.5	***18.3***	7.9

Economic Indicators: Lafayette Area Per Cent Change

									Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
									Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Employment & Wage Statistics		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		99.1	98.7	108.1	108.6	108.9	109.8	**109.3**	-2.7	***-0.5***	2.8
Total Employed (000)		92.6	92.5	100.3	99.3	99.1	99.9	**99.9**	-3.2	***0.0***	4.0
Total Unemployed (000)		6.5	6.2	7.8	9.3	9.8	9.9	**9.4**	2.1	***-5.1***	-10.6
Unemployment Rate		6.6	6.3	7.3	8.5	9.0	9.1	**8.6**	4.8	***-5.5***	-13.3
Regular State Unemployment Benefits											
Recipients		5,814	5,890	5,706	7,573	6,604	7,206	**7,406**	na	***2.7***	na
Benefits Paid	$	842,414	867,857	837,664	1,109,895	965,228	1,058,104	**1,101,191**	na	***4.0***	na
Construction		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)		14,656	14,656	14,656	14,254	14,790	14,790	**14,790**	-25.2	***0.0***	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)		26.9	10.1	21.1	10.4	10.2	12.5	**8.4**	-72.9	***-32.8***	-10.5
Residential		15.9	4.6	4.9	6.8	5.8	4.8	**4.8**	-78.8	***0.0***	-27.4
Non-Residential		11.0	5.5	16.2	3.6	4.4	7.7	**3.6**	-56.7	***-53.3***	33.6
Number Of Construction Contracts		492	84	107	171	74	85	**96**	-77.1	***12.9***	-34.4
FHLB Constraction Loans ($ Mil)		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Construction											
Condominium	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
1-to-4 Unit	$	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.9	0.1	0.2	**0.8**	0.0	***300.0***	na
5 or More	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Non-Residential	$	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.5	**0.2**	0.0	***-60.0***	na
Purchases											
Single (New)	$	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	**0.5**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Family (Other)	$	0.8	1.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.1	**0.6**	0.0	***500.0***	na
2-to-4 Unit	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
5 or More	$	0.0	0.0	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Non-Residential	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**1.8**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Other											
Land Loans	$	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Refinancing	$	1.9	3.1	1.7	2.8	0.7	0.6	**1.9**	0.0	***216.6***	na
All Other	$	0.8	0.5	0.4	1.0	0.7	0.3	**0.9**	0.0	***200.0***	na
Total Loans Closed	$	4.6	5.9	6.6	5.2	2.1	1.8	**6.6**	13.7	***266.6***	-42.5
Loans in Process	$	6.6	6.1	4.8	4.9	4.5	3.8	**3.9**	0.0	***2.6***	na
General Business Activity		Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**			
Inbound Cargo		25,696	27,333	30,704	20,824	31,711	31,590	**31,774**	-32.4	***0.5***	-34.3
Airline Passenger Boardings											
Passengers Enplaned		10,124	9,461	10,352	9,810	10,469	10,191	**11,474**	20.4	***12.5***	20.5
Passengers Deplaned		10,552	9,282	10,267	9,485	10,338	10,163	**11,650**	24.3	***14.6***	21.3
Telephone Lines (000)		185.3	18.5	183.9	184.3	184.6	183.9	**185.6**	1.1	***0.9***	na
Welfare Activity		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Aid To Dependent Children											
Total Assistance Payments											
Persons											
Food Stamp Information											
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Inpatient - General Hospital											
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Support Enforcement Services		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
New Applications Received											
Number of Cases that Paid											
Amount Collected											
Average Amount per Case											

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■ **Gas Activity Report • MCF**	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Field Intake	27,217,624	26,146,289	26,307,166	24,386,322	22,828,644	**24,060,316**	-18.5	***5.3***	-11.8
Pipeline & Other Intake	21,997,369	12,457,050	16,258,759	20,769,127	18,219,148	**20,500,511**	-11.6	***12.5***	-10.8
Sales to Pipelines	42,560,228	32,765,946	36,670,681	39,495,427	35,493,351	**38,748,287**	-15.4	***9.1***	-11.9
Sales to City Gates & Industrials	39,346	38,396	43,448	49,862	46,417	**39,619**	-25.4	***-14.7***	-32.4
Return to Field	800,858	924,284	953,382	990,510	996,821	**1,000,769**	12.6	***0.3***	2.7
Returned for Gas Lift	1,310,440	828,167	819,614	777,982	751,067	**789,617**	-20.9	***5.1***	-15.3
Returned to Reservoir	1,310,443	1,336,384	1,037,722	1,264,820	1,193,305	**1,254,477**	-5.6	***5.1***	2.5
Vented	44,033	35,639	33,040	29,296	20,510	**34,201**	-27.7	***66.7***	-29.0
Plant Fuel	1,430,590	1,213,980	1,260,237	1,107,692	1,029,973	**976,523**	-39.1	***-5.2***	-8.5
Shrinkage and Other	1,911,629	1,460,543	1,747,537	1,439,860	1,537,348	**1,717,334**	-13.5	***11.7***	-12.9

Economic Indicators: Lafayette Area Per Cent Change

								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Beer Sales Information		Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**		
Number of Cases Sold		218,899	170,277	192,856	153,257	194,195	139,841	**169,118**	-5.0	**20.9**	-1.4
State Excise Tax Revenue	$	24,079	18,730	21,214	16,858	21,361	15,383	**18,603**	-5.0	**20.9**	-1.4
Revenue Collections	$	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Retail Sales Tax - State		4,632,224	5,468,215	4,291,796	5,421,703	3,928,177	3,782,192	**4,738,316**	38.2	**25.2**	33.8
Severence Tax		406,672	397,398	427,596	366,167	687,105	635,961	**na**	na	**na**	na
Minimum Royalty		6,565	8,466	5,136	17,867	4,156	4,846	**3,684**	na	**-24.0**	na

New Car Sales	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Audi	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	24	na	na	na	**13**	na	**-100.1**	na
BMW	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	9	na	na	na	**5**	na	**-100.0**	na
Buick	46	40	68	38	47	37	32	56	27	42	32	**45**	-29.7	**40.6**	-14.0
Cadillac	35	29	34	36	38	30	25	43	26	32	24	**35**	-7.9	**45.8**	6.9
Chevrolet	85	85	86	71	92	88	63	96	62	93	127	**101**	-12.2	**-20.5**	3.4
Chrysler	30	23	30	18	26	23	29	28	16	36	21	**24**	20.0	**14.2**	8.9
Datsun	77	79	65	42	34	67	53	80	na	75	61	**69**	38.0	**13.1**	na
Dodge	22	17	30	33	44	28	19	20	20	22	28	**22**	22.2	**-21.5**	50.9
Ford	93	88	77	71	104	77	84	125	70	93	69	**74**	-44.0	**7.2**	4.8
Honda	36	24	38	19	20	19	25	39	19	22	39	**32**	-18.0	**-18.0**	12.9
Lincoln	22	31	13	16	22	19	30	35	20	19	23	**26**	85.7	**13.0**	43.7
Mazda	34	14	26	240	21	28	14	17	18	16	27	**15**	-11.8	**-44.5**	61.5
Mercedes	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	13	na	na	na	**6**	na	**-100.0**	na
Mercury	34	31	43	30	30	38	38	32	36	29	26	**32**	-5.9	**23.0**	23.9
Oldsmobile	57	65	67	43	35	37	45	45	52	54	68	**69**	21.0	**1.4**	-11.0
Plymouth	13	9	6	9	8	36	17	23	24	26	23	**9**	-25.0	**-60.9**	47.1
Pontiac	65	60	66	50	60	41	54	32	43	49	73	**92**	50.8	**26.0**	18.5
Porshe	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	7	na	na	na	**6**	na	**-100.0**	na
Renault	0	0	14	6	17	11	7	2	4	9	4	**7**	0.0	**75.0**	na
Subaru	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	0	na	na	na	**0**	na	**-100.0**	na
Toyota	31	28	41	21	28	26	25	27	24	23	20	**17**	-37.1	**-15.0**	2.9
Volkswagen	17	15	9	15	14	15	6	15	6	13	21	**24**	-20.0	**14.2**	3.0
Volvo	16	14	12	6	7	9	18	16	16	13	15	**19**	5.5	**26.6**	-7.0
Other	46	47	46	43	53	35	36	6	94	55	58	**10**	-86.7	**-82.8**	-1.2
Total Car Sales	759	699	771	807	700	664	620	790	577	721	759	**752**	-8.5	**-1.0**	10.3

New Truck Sales	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Chevrolet	104	119	113	80	118	91	91	100	79	87	124	**142**	-2.8	**14.5**	0.2
Datsun	24	21	16	12	41	50	43	79	na	49	58	**39**	30.0	**-32.8**	na
Dodge	60	52	45	41	60	42	43	67	58	79	69	**67**	31.3	**-2.9**	51.7
Ford	121	96	81	92	98	77	58	98	47	101	96	**92**	-12.4	**-4.2**	1.7
GMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	**0.0**	na
International	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	1	na	na	na	**2**	na	**-100.0**	na
Mazda	47	31	35	24	28	9	20	38	20	28	18	**19**	-40.7	**5.5**	44.7
Peterbilt	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	0	na	na	na	**1**	na	**-100.0**	na
Toyota	20	24	29	32	34	27	24	30	21	34	21	**23**	0.0	**9.5**	94.5
Other	21	17	19	16	24	35	20	22	76	30	31	**36**	300.0	**16.1**	212.6
Total Truck Sales	397	360	338	297	403	331	299	435	301	408	417	**421**	6.3	**0.9**	26.0

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							Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
							Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
■ **Employment & Wage Statistics**	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	74.4	74.1	76.4	74.3	74.6	**75.2**	-4.0	***0.8***	-3.7
Total Employed (000)	64.8	64.7	64.6	62.6	62.7	**63.6**	-5.0	***1.4***	-3.2
Total Unemployed (000)	9.6	9.4	11.8	11.7	11.9	**11.6**	1.7	***-2.6***	-8.9
Unemployment Rate	12.9	12.6	15.5	15.8	15.9	**15.4**	5.4	***-3.2***	-3.3
Regular State Unemployment Benefits									
Number of Recipients	10,824	10,446	15,890	13,739	13,605	**14,092**	na	***3.5***	na
Benefits Paid $	1,597,726	1,565,542	2,477,721	2,111,562	2,064,867	**2,121,097**	na	***2.7***	na
■ **Construction**	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Highway Cons Contracts ($ 000)	17,461	17,461	17,590	22,365	22,967	**22,174**	153.1	***-3.5***	na
Value Of Cons Contracts ($ Mil)	3.1	2.5	3.3	2.3	1.6	**3.2**	-80.2	***100.0***	-55.5
Residential	1.6	2.1	0.9	1.5	1.3	**1.6**	-65.3	***23.0***	-45.7
Non-Residential	1.5	0.4	2.4	0.8	0.3	**1.6**	-86.1	***433.3***	-64.2
Number Of Construction Contracts	34	24	25	34	24	**32**	-66.0	***33.3***	-49.4
■ **Gas Activity Report • MCF**	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Field Intake	4,492,260	3,726,801	4,023,725	4,354,359	3,832,455	**4,985,762**	1.1	***30.0***	-34.5
Pipeline & other intake	9,687,563	8,821,859	10,257,148	9,659,499	7,609,717	**8,331,931**	-18.7	***9.4***	27.8
Sales to Pipelines	7,908,807	6,908,433	7,675,317	7,391,574	6,488,389	**8,009,607**	-9.6	***23.4***	-3.4
Sales to City Gates & Industrials	4,922,594	4,617,098	5,326,557	5,372,977	3,831,293	**3,831,293**	-25.9	***0.0***	-0.3
Return to Field	7,796	5,172	8,145	8,228	8,254	**9,229**	-27.5	***11.8***	-37.5
Returned for Gas Lift	275,624	18,148	184,949	184,949	363,642	**432,448**	259.4	***18.9***	3.0
Returned to Reservoir	88,877	118,937	119,424	119,424	2,439	**15,804**	-0.3	***547.9***	228.5
Vented	47,283	31,531	45,974	46,010	35,920	**42,682**	-68.7	***18.8***	-15.5
Plant Fuel	290,481	241,176	267,403	263,120	215,227	**284,319**	22.3	***32.1***	-5.6
Shrinkage and Other	638,361	608,165	653,104	627,576	497,008	**692,311**	9.9	***39.2***	1.5
■ **Beer Sales Information**	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Number of Cases Sold	132,765	164,781	145,196	152.156	120,900	**127,401**	-11.3	***5.3***	-5.5
State Excise Tax Revenue $	14,604	18,126	15,972	16,737	13,299	**14,014**	-11.3	***5.3***	-5.5
■ **General Business Activity**	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**			
Airline Cargo	18,800	18,800	16,400	17,300	9,944	**11,769**	17.6	***18.3***	17.9
Airline Passenger Boardings	3,000	3,200	2,900	3,200	3,400	**3,600**	-5.3	***5.8***	11.3
Telephone Lines (000)	93.4	93.0	92.9	92.9	92.9	**93.6**	0.8	***0.7***	na
■ **Lake Charles Port Activity**	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**			
Port Shipments (000 Tons)									
Imports	101.0	103.2	112.9	183.4	122.9	**183.5**	77.1	***49.3***	na
Exports	188.5	149.1	213.4	316.3	265.3	**145.7**	-58.0	***-45.1***	na
Private Facilities (000 Tons)									
Imports	776.7	593.1	761.0	1,179.4	1,362.7	**1,394.5**	72.4	***2.3***	na
Exports	492.9	395.3	411.8	531.0	504.4	**576.8**	10.9	***14.3***	na
■ **Welfare Activity**	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Aid To Dependent Children									
Total Assistance Payments									
Persons									
Food Stamp Information									
Coupon Value									
Recipients									
Medicaid Information	This data series is being audited to avoid federal sanctions.								
Claims									
Benefits Paid									
Inpatient - General Hospital									
ICF Mental									
ICF I Services									
Physicians									
Drugs									
■ **Support Enforcement Services**	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
New Applications Received									
Number of Cases that Paid									
Amount Collected	This data series is being audited to avoid federal sanctions.								
Average Amount per Case									
■ **Revenue Collections** $	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Retail Sales Tax - State	2,656,514	2,574,022	3,127,796	2,065,687	2.280,054	**2,719,510**	41.1	***19.2***	28.8
Severence Tax	1,700,528	1,263,145	1,738,085	1,800,427	1,830,761	**na**	na	***na***	na
Minimum Royalty	18,178	16,722	20,518	18,652	12,648	**33,639**	na	***165.9***	na

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													Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
													Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
■ New Car Sales	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**			
Audi	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	0	0	na	na	**0**	na	***-100.0***	na
BMW	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	0	0	na	na	**0**	na	***-100.0***	na
Buick	77	53	32	37	37	26	34	38	32	34	41	**47**	17.5	***14.6***	-16.1
Cadillac	11	11	15	17	10	11	10	8	7	5	7	**8**	-53.0	***14.2***	-14.9
Chevrolet	90	89	85	61	85	75	76	67	46	67	132	**82**	-21.2	***-37.9***	-7.3
Chrysler	3	3	3	2	2	5	11	24	15	20	24	**21**	950.0	***-12.5***	6,550.0
Datsun	51	58	59	28	38	48	28	74	54	51	35	**56**	30.2	***60.0***	3.2
Dodge	0	2	0	1	0	6	17	31	26	21	31	**18**	800.0	***-42.0***	7,550.0
Ford	83	65	87	65	62	55	45	79	55	85	65	**75**	-24.3	***15.3***	9.3
Honda	20	24	27	12	18	14	16	19	27	14	12	**17**	-5.6	***41.6***	-3.6
Lincoln	19	8	17	14	20	21	14	14	9	12	13	**20**	25.0	***53.8***	27.4
Mazda	5	5	8	6	8	6	3	5	9	3	6	**9**	200.0	***50.0***	0.0
Mercedes	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	1	3	na	na	**1**	na	***-100.0***	na
Mercury	25	27	29	37	32	29	20	19	27	23	24	**28**	-34.9	***16.6***	7.0
Oldsmobile	69	57	68	57	48	41	30	55	42	47	56	**69**	-18.9	***23.2***	-23.7
Plymouth	1	0	0	0	0	9	8	10	15	24	25	**15**	650.0	***-40.0***	5,250.0
Pontiac	95	48	71	65	76	55	27	51	65	67	63	**66**	-7.1	***4.7***	-5.4
Porshe	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	0	0	na	na	**0**	na	***-100.0***	na
Renault	6	9	5	7	18	10	4	5	3	12	8	**6**	-25.0	***-25.0***	52.4
Subaru	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	5	16	na	na	**12**	na	***-100.1***	na
Toyota	11	23	27	18	31	27	16	30	18	22	27	**30**	76.4	***11.1***	30.8
Volkswagen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Volvo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Other	14	17	16	17	20	12	9	7	5	12	8	**2**	-85.8	***-75.0***	13.0
Total Car Sales	580	499	549	444	505	450	368	542	474	519	577	**582**	-0.4	***0.8***	4.2
■ New Truck Sales	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**			
Chevrolet	89	82	99	71	84	63	65	78	51	84	101	**121**	34.4	***19.8***	-9.4
Datsun	32	22	17	18	32	30	30	44	43	39	42	**30**	30.4	***-28.6***	38.3
Dodge	9	3	3	4	13	17	31	66	42	61	55	**46**	475.0	***-16.4***	3,788.8
Ford	88	80	83	72	81	70	67	70	49	54	75	**118**	-2.5	***57.3***	-17.5
GMC	87	59	83	61	95	87	48	75	39	76	64	**80**	-7.0	***25.0***	14.0
International	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	5	1	na	na	**2**	na	***-100.0***	na
Mazda	6	3	8	6	3	5	1	5	13	7	6	**6**	50.0	***0.0***	32.6
Peterbilt	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	0	0	na	na	**0**	na	***-100.0***	na
Toyota	14	20	22	22	26	31	16	38	17	16	21	**19**	72.7	***-9.6***	127.8
Other	24	16	25	25	28	23	40	21	15	28	34	**33**	-19.6	***-3.0***	63.3
Total Truck Sales	349	285	340	279	362	326	298	402	270	365	398	**455**	18.4	***14.3***	15.3

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									Per Cent Change		
									Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
									Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Employment & Wage Statistics		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		80.0	79.4	60.7	61.8	62.2	62.9	**62.9**	0.9	***0.0***	-1.5
Total Employed (000)		71.9	70.8	55.6	56.0	56.1	56.7	**57.2**	-0.2	***0.8***	-1.4
Total Unemployed (000)		8.1	8.6	5.1	5.8	6.1	6.2	**5.7**	14.0	***-8.1***	-9.2
Unemployment Rate		10.1	10.8	8.3	9.4	9.7	9.8	**9.1**	12.3	***-7.2***	-7.0
Regular State Unemployment Benefits											
Recipients		5,696	6,064	6,654	8,089	7,590	7,530	**7,033**	na	***-6.7***	na
Benefits Paid	*$*	758,106	829,328	938,112	1,113,728	1,030,128	1,018,898	**949,784**	na	***-6.8***	na
Construction		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)		71,456	70,839	76,826	70,633	70,343	69,824	**69,514**	-0.4	***-0.5***	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)		8.6	5.9	5.3	7.3	3.1	9.8	**17.5**	207.0	***78.5***	-0.4
Residential		3.0	2.8	2.2	2.9	2.6	4.3	**4.2**	0.0	***-2.4***	-32.3
Non-Residential		5.6	3.1	3.1	4.4	0.5	5.5	**13.3**	786.6	***141.8***	79.7
Number Of Construction Contracts		66	48	34	45	47	88	**58**	-17.2	***-34.1***	-33.3
General Business Activity		Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**			
Airline Cargo											
Inbound Cargo (lbs)		3,075	3,012	2,962	3,345	4,190	4,171	**1,666**	-69.2	***-60.1***	na
Outbound Cargo (lbs)		12,000	5,408	4,937	5,040	5,591	2,456	**779**	-87.1	***-68.3***	-85.1
Airline Passenger Boardings											
Passengers Enplaned		3,300	2,993	3,101	2,731	3,486	3,375	**3,367**	-11.4	***-0.3***	-20.8
Passengers Deplaned		3,289	3,064	3,450	2,809	3,622	3,540	**3,502**	-11.3	***-1.1***	-19.7
Telephone Lines (000)		99.6	99.5	97.0	96.8	96.8	96.8	**98.0**	-0.9	***1.2***	na
Welfare Activity		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Aid To Dependent Children											
Total Assistance Payments											
Persons											
Food Stamp Information											
Coupon Value											
Recipients											
Medicaid Information											
Claims		This data series is being audited to avoid federal sanctions.									
Benefits Paid											
Inpatient - General Hospital											
ICF Mental											
ICF I Services											
Physicians											
Drugs											
Support Enforcement Services		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
New Applications Received											
Number of Cases that Paid											
Amount Collected		This data series is being audited to avoid federal sanctions.									
Average Amount per Case											
Beer Sales Information		Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Number of Cases Sold		137,741	95,041	114,362	105,530	106,036	44,097	**95,388**	-7.9	***116.3***	-1.6
State Excise Tax Revenue	$	15,152	10,455	12,580	11,608	11,664	4,851	**10,492**	-7.9	***116.2***	-1.6
Revenue Collections	**$**	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Retail Sales Tax - State		1,664,952	1,585,983	1,609,217	1,965,066	1,336,737	1,309,986	**1,644,449**	37.4	***25.5***	38.6
Severence Tax		112,842	181,141	76,488	242,030	141,148	140,708	**na**	na	***na***	na
Minimum Royalty		108	84	176	104	144	88	**92**	na	***4.5***	na

New Car Sales	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**	Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Audi	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	0	na	na	na	**0**	na	***-100.0***	na
BMW	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	0	na	na	na	**0**	na	***-100.0***	na
Buick	51	27	48	35	23	23	21	55	16	34	32	**20**	-26.0	***-37.5***	-4.0
Cadillac	15	11	5	12	5	4	12	9	6	8	4	**5**	-50.0	***25.0***	-23.2
Chevrolet	55	54	49	60	53	38	26	64	25	42	58	**33**	-43.2	***-43.2***	-11.5
Chrysler	14	9	9	5	13	7	4	14	3	9	6	**4**	-42.9	***-33.4***	34.7
Datsun	29	16	26	12	8	15	17	23	na	11	15	**6**	-66.7	***-60.0***	na
Dodge	9	4	7	9	10	10	5	15	10	15	8	**6**	-25.0	***-25.0***	21.3
Ford	62	54	59	67	46	50	39	62	60	51	75	**35**	-40.7	***-53.4***	3.7
Honda	23	16	25	13	17	19	16	37	21	17	20	**9**	-50.0	***-55.0***	-4.6
Lincoln	19	9	12	8	8	21	8	20	15	11	14	**13**	8.3	***-7.2***	53.3
Mazda	11	13	15	12	14	9	4	10	11	11	10	**13**	-13.4	***30.0***	-15.3
Mercedes	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	11	na	na	na	**8**	na	***-100.0***	na
Mercury	43	15	23	35	34	30	23	51	33	38	49	**37**	-12.0	***-24.5***	95.7
Oldsmobile	73	54	45	52	55	29	30	65	65	31	71	**43**	-46.3	***-39.5***	-38.6
Plymouth	6	1	8	10	16	6	2	11	3	7	3	**4**	-55.6	***33.3***	1.3
Pontiac	54	32	40	31	46	28	15	49	10	38	31	**33**	-3.0	***6.4***	-4.1
Porshe	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	0	na	na	na	**0**	na	***-100.0***	na
Renault	7	10	5	6	6	2	6	3	2	3	4	**1**	-66.7	***-75.0***	41.0
Subaru	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	11	na	na	na	**4**	na	***-100.0***	na
Toyota	8	12	14	10	5	19	4	16	12	9	11	**8**	-27.3	***-27.3***	-27.7
Volkswagen	5	3	3	5	0	0	1	6	1	4	9	**4**	0.0	***-55.6***	86.3
Volvo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Other	13	19	19	15	15	16	12	2	22	6	10	**0**	-100.0	***-100.0***	-28.4
Total Car Sales	497	359	412	397	374	326	245	534	315	345	430	**286**	-34.3	***-33.5***	-7.3

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													Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
New Truck Sales	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**	Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Chevrolet	83	53	56	58	41	45	34	72	34	53	52	**32**	-23.9	***-38.5***	-10.4
Datsun	22	13	7	6	13	11	12	25	na	11	7	**14**	7.6	***100.0***	na
Dodge	65	20	25	23	23	14	6	31	18	29	22	**20**	42.8	***-9.1***	8.8
Ford	115	104	94	81	108	67	54	98	69	62	91	**73**	-25.6	***-19.8***	-3.8
GMC	12	14	14	14	17	15	13	18	15	13	28	**17**	-29.2	***-39.3***	3.8
International	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	0	na	na	na	**0**	na	***-100.0***	na
Mazda	8	15	8	10	13	13	3	11	12	6	11	**8**	-50.0	***-27.3***	-14.5
Peterbilt	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	0	na	na	na	**0**	na	***-100.0***	na
Toyota	8	12	7	11	3	12	9	17	12	7	11	**8**	-46.7	***-27.3***	-11.4
Other	32	24	21	39	27	23	15	40	38	34	33	**27**	-6.9	***-18.2***	64.9
Total Truck Sales	345	255	232	242	245	200	146	312	198	215	255	**199**	-20.8	***-22.0***	1.4

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Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg
1967	98.6	98.7	98.9	99.1	99.4	99.7	100.2	100.5	100.7	101.0	101.3	101.6	100.0
1968	102.0	102.3	102.8	103.1	103.4	104.0	104.5	104.8	105.1	105.7	106.1	106.4	104.2
1969	106.7	107.1	108.0	108.7	109.0	109.7	110.2	110.7	111.2	111.6	112.2	112.9	109.8
1970	113.3	113.9	114.5	115.2	115.7	116.3	116.7	116.9	117.5	118.1	118.5	119.1	116.3
1971	119.2	119.4	119.8	120.2	120.8	121.5	121.8	122.1	122.2	122.4	122.6	123.1	121.3
1972	123.2	123.8	124.0	124.3	124.7	125.0	125.5	125.7	126.2	126.6	126.9	127.3	125.3
1973	127.7	128.6	129.8	130.7	131.5	132.4	132.7	135.1	135.5	136.6	137.6	138.5	133.1
1974	139.7	141.5	143.1	143.9	145.5	146.9	148.0	149.9	151.7	153.0	154.3	155.4	147.7
1975	156.1	157.2	157.8	158.6	159.3	160.6	162.3	162.8	163.6	164.6	165.6	166.3	161.2
1976	166.7	167.1	167.5	168.2	169.2	170.1	171.1	171.9	172.6	173.3	173.8	174.3	170.5
1977	175.3	177.1	178.2	179.6	180.6	181.8	182.6	183.3	184.0	184.5	185.4	186.1	181.5
1978	187.2	188.4	189.8	191.5	193.3	195.3	196.7	197.8	199.3	200.9	202.0	202.9	195.4
1979	204.7	207.1	209.1	211.5	214.1	216.6	218.9	221.1	223.4	225.4	227.5	229.9	217.4
1980	223.2	236.4	239.8	242.5	244.9	247.6	247.8	249.4	251.7	253.9	256.2	258.4	246.8
1981	260.5	263.2	265.1	266.8	269.0	271.3	274.4	276.4	279.3	279.9	280.7	281.5	272.3
1982	282.5	283.4	283.1	284.3	287.1	290.6	292.2	292.8	293.3	294.1	293.6	292.4	289.1
1983	293.1	293.2	293.4	295.5	297.1	298.1	299.3	300.3	301.8	302.6	303.1	303.5	298.4
1984	305.2	306.6	307.3	308.8	309.7	310.7	311.7	313.0	314.5	315.3	315.3	315.5	311.1
1985	316.1	317.4	318.8	320.1	321.3	322.3							

Producer Price Index • 1967 =100

Year	*Jan*	*Feb*	*Mar*	*Apr*	*May*	*Jun*	*Jul*	*Aug*	*Sep*	*Oct*	*Nov*	*Dec*	*Avg*
1980	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	253.2	254.7	na
1981	259.8	262.4	265.3	267.7	268.9	269.9	271.8	271.2	271.1	272.1	274.5	275.3	269.2
1982	277.4	277.4	276.9	276.9	277.7	279.9	281.7	282.4	281.4	284.2	284.9	285.1	280.4
1983	283.6	283.7	283.4	283.0	284.3	285.0	285.2	286.2	285.1	287.9	286.8	287.1	285.1
1984	289.4	290.6	291.7	291.4	291.5	290.9	292.3	291.3	298.5	291.5	292.3	292.4	291.2
1985	292.7	292.5	292.4	293.1	294.2	294.0							

Industrial Production Index • 1967 =100

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg
1980	153.0	153.0	152.0	148.0	144.0	142.0	139.0	142.0	144.0	147.0	148.5	150.7	146.9
1981	151.8	150.8	151.7	151.9	152.8	152.7	153.4	152.8	152.1	149.5	146.5	143.3	150.8
1982	140.7	142.9	141.7	140.2	139.2	138.7	138.8	138.4	137.3	135.7	134.9	135.2	138.6
1983	137.4	138.1	140.0	142.6	144.4	146.4	149.7	151.8	153.8	155.0	155.3	156.2	147.5
1984	158.5	160.0	160.8	162.1	162.8	164.4	165.9	166.0	165.0	164.4	164.8	164.8	163.3
1985	165.1	165.4	165.3	165.9	165.5								

Economic Indicators: Shreveport Area Per Cent Change

									Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
									Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Employment & Wage Statistics		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		174.4	173.6	158.5	160.4	160.0	161.4	**161.1**	0.5	***-0.2***	0.0
Total Employed (000)		160.7	159.8	146.8	146.5	145.8	147.2	**148.0**	0.2	***0.5***	2.5
Average Weekly Mfg Earnings	$	407.41	434.51	436.96	428.06	429.91	416.15	**414.63**	-4.2	***-0.4***	4.9
Average Weekly Mfg Hours		40.7	41.5	42.3	42.1	41.1	40.6	**40.1**	-7.9	***-1.3***	0.6
Total Unemployed (000)		13.7	13.8	11.7	13.9	14.2	14.2	**13.1**	4.8	***-7.8***	-21.8
Unemployment Rate		7.9	7.9	7.4	8.7	8.9	8.8	**8.2**	5.1	***-6.9***	-21.4
Regular State Unemployment Benefits											
Number of Recipients		13,253	13,720	13,848	20,462	18,262	17,790	**17,873**	na	***0.4***	na
Benefits Paid	$	1,799,152	1,830,672	1,831,571	2,708,051	2,391,514	2,301,401	**2,345,565**	na	***1.9***	na
Construction		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)		97,265	93,971	101,222	88,357	90,284	99,859	**100,547**	5.9	***0.6***	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)		38.5	22.6	12.2	19.1	29.1	32.6	**19.4**	4.3	***-40.5***	8.4
Residential		18.2	13.2	6.3	7.5	6.2	12.1	**11.0**	-11.3	***-9.1***	-26.9
Non-Residential		20.3	9.4	5.9	11.6	22.9	20.5	**8.4**	35.4	***-59.1***	74.7
Number Of Construction Contracts		231	236	216	130	108	342	**271**	9.2	***-20.8***	-37.4
FHLB Constraction Loans ($ Mil)		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Construction											
Condominium	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
1-to-4 Unit	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.1**	0.0	***0.0***	na
5 or More	$	0.2	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	**0.0**	0.0	***-100.0***	na
Non-Residential	$	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	**0.5**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Purchases											
Single (New)	$	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.1	**0.3**	0.0	***200.0***	na
Family (Other)	$	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.5	**0.8**	0.0	***60.0***	na
2-to-4 Unit	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
5 or More	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Non-Residential	$	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.3	**0.1**	0.0	***-66.7***	na
Other											
Land Loans	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	**0.1**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Refinancing	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	**0.5**	0.0	***66.6***	na
All Other	$	1.2	1.3	0.4	1.4	1.7	1.8	**0.6**	0.0	***-66.7***	na
Total Loans Closed	$	2.8	8.7	1.5	2.9	3.0	3.6	**2.9**	-64.2	***-19.5***	-58.1
Loans in Process	$	12.4	15.2	13.8	12.3	10.4	9.5	**7.7**	0.0	***-19.0***	na
General Business Activity		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Airline Cargo		2,070,000	2,004,000	2,158,000	3,858,000	2,866,000	2,896,000	**2,787,203**	71.6	***-3.8***	40.1
Inbound		na	na	na	na	na	na	**1,868,276**	na	***18,784.6***	na
Outbound		na	na	na	na	na	na	**918,927**	na	***-9,290.1***	na
Passengers Enplaned		28,000	25,000	23,600	23,800	22,600	28,600	**28,804**	6.6	***0.7***	-7.6
Telephone Lines (000)		193.5	193.0	193.1	191.9	191.6	191.6	**191.6**	0.5	***0.0***	na
Welfare Activity		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Aid To Dependent Children											
Total Assistance Payments											
Persons											
Food Stamp Information											
Coupon Value											
Recipients											
Medicaid Information											
Claims		This data series is being audited to avoid federal sanctions.									
Benefits Paid											
Inpatient - General Hospital											
ICF Mental											
ICF I Services											
Physicians											
Drugs											
Support Enforcement Services		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
New Applications Received											
Number of Cases that Paid											
Amount Collected		This data series is being audited to avoid federal sanctions.									
Average Amount per Case											
Gas Activity Report • MCF		Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Field Intake		11,406,820	11,039,750	9,996,975	12,062,498	12,312,862	11,080,143	**12,666,085**	-6.5	***14.3***	-6.9
Pipeline & Other Intake		1,446,180	1,609,357	1,206,175	1,127,867	1,163,887	1,727,311	**1,556,775**	65.8	***-9.9***	-0.7
Sales to Pipelines		10,842,706	10,508,356	9,123,162	11,054,905	11,029,125	10,535,801	**11,930,848**	-3.7	***13.2***	-7.1
Sales to City Gates & Industrials		81,649	78,638	71,797	68,001	67,203	57,387	**57,387**	-19.3	***0.0***	-13.9
Return to Field		67,404	77,930	78,658	78,208	168,786	161,025	**85,900**	46.1	***-46.7***	-12.0
Returned for Gas Lift		0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	-100.0
Returned to Reservoir		329,708	319,163	326,343	338,182	341,851	295,184	**331,014**	-22.3	***12.1***	-5.3
Vented		114,589	92,407	85,030	82,818	101,717	48,182	**87,945**	-39.8	***82.5***	-55.2
Plant Fuel		709,937	747,789	718,161	746,541	795,540	741,026	**765,560**	10.6	***3.3***	5.2
Shrinkage and Other		707,007	824,824	799,999	821,710	972,527	968,849	**964,206**	37.8	***-0.5***	22.0

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													Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
													Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Beer Sales Information						Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Number of Cases Sold						466,831	315,629	378,573	341,219	343,389	277,677	**293,552**	-12.8	***5.7***	-0.6
State Excise Tax Revenue						$ 51,352	34,720	41,643	37,534	37,773	30,544	**32,291**	-12.8	***5.7***	-0.6
Revenue Collections						**$** Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Retail Sales Tax - State						4,855,147	5,973,699	5,803,476	7,210,482	5,202,108	5,042,542	**6,658,425**	40.9	***32.0***	30.7
Severence Tax						2,087,830	2,734,509	1,870,841	2,247,264	2,513,978	2,103,630	**na**	na	***na***	na
Minimum Royalty						110,470	104,688	108,280	129,225	97,545	92,399	**71,302**	na	***-22.9***	na
New Car Sales	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**			
Audi	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	17	na	na	na	**12**	na	***-100.1***	na
BMW	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	10	na	na	na	**6**	na	***-100.0***	na
Buick	112	104	165	83	82	66	62	131	54	83	98	**80**	-31.7	***-18.4***	0.5
Cadillac	42	40	58	39	31	35	34	29	35	44	52	**38**	-17.4	***-27.0***	-16.8
Chevrolet	207	195	180	163	198	112	103	211	114	206	175	**182**	-0.6	***4.0***	2.1
Chrysler	50	37	49	34	41	30	26	47	37	55	39	**46**	6.9	***17.9***	12.3
Datsun	45	47	49	32	17	47	38	37	na	33	37	**33**	10.0	***-10.9***	na
Dodge	36	26	26	22	42	31	18	44	40	32	41	**49**	44.1	***19.5***	17.9
Ford	231	142	131	124	232	210	187	159	135	156	228	**278**	102.9	***21.9***	2.8
Honda	33	16	43	17	31	26	21	37	19	19	28	**31**	6.8	***10.7***	-12.1
Lincoln	40	28	45	75	83	44	28	56	20	23	21	**40**	-23.1	***90.4***	-5.0
Mazda	15	28	14	27	29	16	15	26	18	24	14	**16**	6.6	***14.2***	-10.4
Mercedes	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	7	na	na	na	**13**	na	***-100.1***	na
Mercury	88	70	88	75	98	65	56	73	49	53	58	**57**	-48.2	***-1.8***	-15.3
Oldsmobile	225	171	164	139	125	123	104	159	114	149	172	**159**	-34.9	***-7.6***	-21.8
Plymouth	26	23	19	15	24	13	17	26	41	83	34	**26**	-3.8	***-23.6***	77.0
Pontiac	139	91	130	97	127	85	56	110	70	112	106	**124**	6.8	***16.9***	4.4
Porshe	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	9	na	na	na	**3**	na	***-100.0***	na
Renault	23	22	18	12	13	20	10	8	12	4	20	**16**	-20.0	***-20.0***	-15.3
Subaru	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	11	na	na	na	**13**	na	***-100.1***	na
Toyota	35	47	66	22	50	43	30	35	33	35	25	**56**	30.2	***124.0***	-16.7
Volkswagen	8	6	6	14	7	7	10	12	7	9	5	**10**	-16.7	***100.0***	-6.5
Volvo	6	16	6	2	2	3	6	9	4	7	9	**4**	-33.4	***-55.6***	-14.0
Other	51	43	30	30	45	50	45	15	61	54	60	**9**	-84.3	***-85.0***	-21.5
Total Car Sales	1,412	1,152	1,287	1,022	1,277	1,026	866	1,278	863	1,181	1,222	**1,301**	-1.6	***6.4***	-4.6
New Truck Sales	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**			
Chevrolet	178	143	153	151	167	130	106	151	77	164	153	**166**	-22.1	***8.4***	-12.4
Datsun	19	16	8	11	7	8	14	22	na	26	23	**20**	0.0	***-13.1***	na
Dodge	76	76	56	46	74	54	44	67	54	78	67	**56**	14.2	***-16.5***	18.1
Ford	216	160	189	160	194	196	122	165	153	136	203	**153**	-27.2	***-24.7***	1.6
GMC	29	30	25	23	26	16	16	19	22	26	20	**27**	3.8	***35.0***	-6.4
International	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	3	na	na	na	**4**	na	***-100.0***	na
Mazda	19	20	16	22	20	6	12	18	12	22	15	**10**	-28.6	***-33.4***	8.4
Peterbilt	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	0	na	na	na	**0**	na	***-100.0***	na
Toyota	31	21	27	24	24	16	24	39	21	28	28	**0**	-100.0	***-100.0***	37.3
Other	76	45	65	65	63	53	35	64	82	56	70	**59**	-3.3	***-15.8***	17.8
Total Truck Sales	644	511	539	502	575	479	373	548	421	536	579	**495**	-20.3	***-14.6***	1.6

Economic Indicators: Monroe Area Per Cent Change

								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
■ Employment & Wage Statistics		Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		60.2	61.1	60.3	61.8	62.3	**61.7**	-2.6	***-1.0***	0.5
Total Employed (000)		54.3	55.8	54.0	55.3	55.9	**55.9**	-2.8	***0.0***	1.3
Total Unemployed (000)		5.9	5.3	6.3	6.5	6.4	**5.8**	0.0	***-9.4***	-6.2
Unemployment Rate		9.8	8.7	10.4	10.6	10.2	**9.4**	3.2	***-7.9***	-6.3
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Recipients		6,824	6,743	9,635	8,834	8,644	**7,593**	na	***-12.2***	na
Benefits Paid	$	878,329	858,248	1,220,606	1,123,377	1,091,557	**950,022**	na	***-13.0***	na
■ Construction		Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Highway Cons Contracts ($ 000)		21,070	22,381	21,695	21,695	22,223	**22,223**	2.7	***0.0***	na
Value Of Cons Contracts ($ Mil)		20.3	16.1	4.7	7.6	9.3	**10.6**	116.3	***13.9***	28.1
Residential		2.5	9.7	2.2	4.3	7.1	**4.5**	12.5	***-36.7***	25.1
Non-Residential		17.8	6.4	2.5	3.3	2.2	**6.1**	577.7	***177.2***	30.7
Number Of Construction Contracts		43	206	39	51	94	**65**	0.0	***-30.9***	9.5
■ FHLB Constraction Loans ($Mil)		Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Construction										
Condominium	$	0.0	4.4	4.8	0.0	0.0	**0.4**	0.0	***0.0***	na
1-to-4 Unit	$	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
5 or More	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Non-Residential	$	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Purchases										
Single (New)	$	1.3	1.1	1.0	1.8	2.0	**1.3**	0.0	***-35.0***	na
Family (Other)	$	3.4	3.3	2.7	4.8	3.2	**4.5**	0.0	***40.6***	na
2-to-4 Unit	$	0.9	0.5	0.3	0.8	1.0	**0.0**	0.0	***-100.0***	na
5 or More	$	0.0	1.4	0.6	0.0	0.7	**0.0**	0.0	***-100.0***	na
Non-Residential	$	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.0	**0.7**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Other										
Land Loans	$	0.0	0.0	10.2	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Refinancing	$	0.6	0.5	1.0	1.4	1.4	**2.2**	0.0	***57.1***	na
All Other	$	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.0	**0.4**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Total Loans Closed	$	6.6	11.4	21.4	10.0	8.3	**9.4**	-67.9	***13.2***	na
Loans in Process	$	25.7	23.9	32.9	18.3	15.7	**12.5**	0.0	***-20.4***	na
■ Gas Activity Report • MCF		Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Field Intake		704,619	688,505	695,251	657,492	675,734	**739,319**	2.4	***9.4***	1.1
Pipeline & Other Intake		27,501	21,233	26,959	18,767	21,513	**19,798**	-93.3	***-8.0***	-25.1
Sales to Pipelines		19,111	11,340	21,159	17,873	23,180	**28,938**	-89.2	***24.8***	-21.6
Sales to City Gates & Industrials		0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Return to Field		26,565	25,660	25,899	23,844	30,201	**34,383**	-47.6	***13.8***	-54.4
Returned for Gas Lift		390,521	379,479	382,812	370,242	360,684	**378,788**	-17.2	***5.0***	-9.6
Returned to Reservoir		183,353	176,211	175,131	162,562	177,347	**195,692**	83.7	***10.3***	130.9
Vented		0	0	0	0	0	**0**	-100.0	***0.0***	-45.2
Plant Fuel		63,493	62,307	64,435	61,997	62,175	**69,125**	-7.1	***11.1***	-3.4
Shrinkage and Other		49,077	54,741	52,774	39,741	43,660	**52,191**	16.1	***19.5***	-7.8
■ Beer Sales Information		Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Number of Cases Sold		123,111	138,621	131,723	135,832	106,449	**112,575**	-9.4	***5.7***	-1.2
State Excise Tax Revenue	$	13,542	15,248	14,490	14,941	11,710	**12,383**	-9.4	***5.7***	-1.2
■ General Business Activity		Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**			
Airline Cargo		17,124	21,487	29,119	27,111	21,163	**28,262**	-23.7	***33.5***	-30.1
Airline Passenger Boardings		14,932	13,689	11,969	15,971	15,800	**16,942**	4.5	***7.2***	na
Telephone Lines (000)		130.1	127.6	127.9	128.2	127.6	**129.2**	0.4	***1.2***	na
■ Welfare Activity		Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Aid To Dependent Children										
Total Assistance Payments										
Persons										
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value										
Recipients										
Medicaid Information										
Claims		This data series is being audited to avoid federal sanctions.								
Benefits Paid										
Inpatient - General Hospital										
ICF Mental										
ICF I Services										
Physicians										
Drugs										
■ Support Enforcement Services		Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
New Applications Received										
Number of Cases that Paid										
Amount Collected		This data series is being audited to avoid federal sanctions.								
Average Amount per Case										

Economic Indicators: Monroe Area Per Cent Change

■ Revenue Collections	$	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**	Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Retail Sales Tax - State		2,684,378	2,930,091	3,725,520	2,409,663	2,245,603	**2,942,046**	-0.7	***31.0***	37.1
Severence Tax		191,501	31,722	243,600	202,373	156,377	**na**	na	***na***	na
Minimum Royalty		3,043	29,685	2,809	2,947	7,538	**11,260**	na	***49.3***	na

■ New Car Sales	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**	Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
													Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Audi	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	0	0	na	na	**0**	na	***-100.0***	na
BMW	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	4	2	na	na	**3**	na	***-100.0***	na
Buick	49	40	65	40	39	36	34	41	33	25	53	**48**	-23.9	***-9.5***	-27.5
Cadillac	16	27	20	14	14	17	14	30	15	17	14	**20**	-13.1	***42.8***	-6.1
Chevrolet	53	36	45	49	63	42	40	69	40	37	71	**37**	-41.3	***-47.9***	-11.1
Chrysler	21	14	15	17	20	17	15	17	16	23	19	**18**	-25.0	***-5.3***	76.6
Datsun	19	20	19	21	18	21	21	19	12	20	35	**15**	-21.1	***-57.2***	-20.8
Dodge	16	17	12	13	15	30	7	26	26	31	32	**15**	-6.3	***-53.2***	133.0
Ford	61	60	54	41	78	50	47	93	44	78	65	**55**	-24.7	***-15.4***	12.3
Honda	30	35	42	15	30	43	29	44	21	19	30	**30**	3.4	***0.0***	28.2
Lincoln	23	19	12	20	25	17	19	20	12	25	15	**10**	-37.5	***-33.4***	30.7
Mazda	22	18	17	19	29	21	13	19	9	24	20	**16**	-15.8	***-20.0***	-13.4
Mercedes	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	16	4	na	na	**4**	na	***-100.0***	na
Mercury	34	33	52	40	40	32	34	32	10	35	47	**22**	-50.0	***-53.2***	22.6
Oldsmobile	92	72	67	54	58	67	40	74	35	77	99	**81**	24.6	***-18.2***	-19.8
Plymouth	5	6	7	9	11	15	9	13	11	16	14	**10**	0.0	***-28.6***	223.0
Pontiac	56	43	45	36	31	39	21	45	28	41	54	**72**	67.4	***33.3***	64.3
Porshe	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	0	0	na	na	**0**	na	***-100.0***	na
Renault	0	0	2	2	1	3	1	1	2	5	0	**1**	0.0	***0.0***	-58.2
Subaru	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	8	6	na	na	**9**	na	***-100.0***	na
Toyota	31	27	30	25	31	29	30	43	26	33	19	**26**	85.7	***36.8***	48.3
Volkswagen	10	5	4	2	3	0	9	4	5	3	10	**11**	37.5	***10.0***	100.0
Volvo	15	5	13	6	9	8	4	11	6	6	7	**6**	-53.9	***-14.3***	2.1
Other	18	13	19	10	21	13	14	2	2	25	26	**1**	-96.5	***-96.2***	-9.9
Total Car Sales	571	490	540	433	536	500	401	631	365	540	630	**510**	-10.6	***-19.1***	6.7

■ New Truck Sales	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**	Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
													Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Chevrolet	68	71	60	71	96	62	64	100	62	99	74	**81**	-2.5	***9.4***	14.9
Datsun	14	7	5	3	13	10	16	27	23	8	35	**18**	63.6	***-48.6***	19.3
Dodge	24	29	19	21	20	24	18	34	20	30	45	**27**	-3.6	***-40.0***	101.9
Ford	104	106	84	67	126	75	52	117	59	92	114	**70**	-27.1	***-38.6***	25.4
GMC	38	21	47	26	43	28	24	26	27	44	38	**62**	37.7	***63.1***	-1.0
International	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	5	0	na	na	**3**	na	***-100.0***	na
Mazda	30	15	27	28	30	19	14	24	20	25	18	**23**	-11.6	***27.7***	0.0
Peterbilt	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	0	0	na	na	**0**	na	***-100.0***	na
Toyota	21	13	16	15	10	17	17	28	11	29	18	**14**	40.0	***-22.3***	33.1
Other	36	21	25	18	35	16	20	22	19	20	26	**25**	31.5	***-3.9***	-13.0
Total Truck Sales	335	283	283	249	373	251	225	383	241	347	368	**323**	1.5	***-12.3***	17.0

Economic Indicators: Houma Area — Per Cent Change

								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Employement & Wage Statistics	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	na	na	84.6	85.2	84.3	85.3	**84.6**	-0.3	***-0.9***	na
Total Employed (000)	na	na	76.7	75.5	74.4	75.2	**75.2**	-0.2	***0.0***	na
Total Unemployed (000)	na	na	8.0	9.7	9.9	10.1	**9.4**	-1.1	***-7.0***	na
Unemployment Rate	na	na	9.4	11.3	11.5	11.8	**11.1**	-1.8	***-6.0***	na
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Recipients	7,083	8,345	7,887	11,414	10,303	10,961	**11,085**	na	***1.1***	na
Benefits Paid	$ 1,041,816	1,318,060	1,229,085	1,733,737	1,528,514	1,622,738	**1,630,525**	na	***0.4***	na
Construction	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Highway Construction Contracts ($ 000)	84,405	85,079	60,995	59,030	32,368	32,307	**31,895**	-7.5	***-1.3***	na
Value Of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)	5.8	3.6	5.6	9.7	2.5	6.4	**3.7**	-65.5	***-42.2***	na
Residential	4.9	2.9	1.8	1.6	2.2	4.3	**3.4**	-42.4	***-21.0***	na
Non-Residential	0.9	0.7	3.8	8.1	0.3	2.1	**0.3**	-93.8	***-85.8***	na
Number Of Construction Contracts	58	33	53	41	36	69	**60**	-54.2	***-13.1***	99.0
Gas Activity Report • MCF	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	**Mar 85**			
Field Intake	9,343,631	8,582,031	8,263,045	9,023,574	9,289,013	8,202,792	**9,167,174**	-17.4	***11.7***	-15.5
Pipeline & Other Intake	10,270,890	11,338,340	10,614,505	10,066,170	10,896,414	10,488,542	**7,929,393**	-30.4	***-24.4***	-1.6
Sales to Pipelines	17,623,175	18,338,340	16,745,226	16,900,670	17,939,923	16,870,819	**15,244,964**	-25.9	***-9.7***	-9.9
Sales to City Gates & Industrials	9,585	24,879	48,452	40,498	83,931	63,099	**51,307**	-78.6	***-18.7***	-81.5
Return to Field	504,516	194,103	504,984	708,722	688,916	443,690	**524,087**	165.7	***18.1***	296.8
Returned for Gas Lift	264,555	276,525	266,779	209,743	196,373	148,160	**165,461**	-36.9	***11.6***	-29.7
Returned to Reservoir	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Vented	1,105	405	1,043	1,363	1,577	1,245	**616**	-11.8	***-50.6***	-89.6
Plant Fuel	418,339	412,893	498,569	455,517	494,903	418,197	**419,347**	-8.2	***0.2***	2.0
Shrinkage and Other	793,246	760,556	812,497	773,231	779,804	741,124	**690,785**	-9.5	***-6.8***	4.4

Welfare Activity Oct 84 Nov 84 Dec 84 Jan 85 Feb 85 Mar 85 **Apr 85**

Aid To Dependent Children
  Total Assistance Payments
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■ Support Enforcement Services Nov 84 Dec 84 Jan 85 Feb 85 Mar 85 **Apr 85**

New Applications Received
Number of Cases that Paid
Amount Collected
Average Amount per Case

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New Car Sales	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Audi	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	0	na	na	na	**0**	na	***-100.0***	na
BMW	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	0	na	na	na	**0**	na	***-100.0***	na
Buick	70	52	72	38	47	45	29	58	26	41	30	**31**	-48.4	***3.3***	-11.4
Cadillac	8	7	18	7	13	12	9	20	10	14	10	**14**	7.6	***40.0***	-8.4
Chevrolet	71	64	58	68	69	49	46	73	47	62	59	**66**	-19.6	***11.8***	-4.2
Chrysler	24	21	16	17	15	19	14	16	11	17	20	**22**	29.4	***10.0***	30.0
Datsun	24	25	22	22	13	12	26	18	na	13	17	**13**	-13.4	***-23.6***	na
Dodge	53	21	31	16	16	17	17	15	20	23	26	**20**	-4.8	***-23.1***	4.1
Ford	62	50	42	62	52	50	50	47	51	78	63	**65**	-11.0	***3.1***	10.7
Honda	34	31	44	24	32	17	33	46	33	11	27	**34**	-10.6	***25.9***	46.4
Lincoln	13	9	4	11	18	12	11	15	11	14	11	**13**	30.0	***18.1***	37.8
Mazda	4	5	7	6	3	5	2	3	9	4	3	**3**	-57.2	***0.0***	-5.3
Mercedes	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	0	na	na	na	**0**	na	***-100.0***	na
Mercury	24	23	27	28	39	23	18	28	35	40	20	**23**	-14.9	***15.0***	18.8
Oldsmobile	67	52	64	41	36	36	44	66	52	51	51	**83**	-7.8	***62.7***	-23.2
Plymouth	14	18	12	10	12	11	4	17	15	15	20	**16**	60.0	***-20.0***	50.4
Pontiac	40	35	54	25	33	33	40	38	20	38	54	**34**	3.0	***-37.1***	8.0
Porshe	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	0	na	na	na	**0**	na	***-100.0***	na
Renault	13	8	4	0	7	1	1	1	5	3	0	**1**	-85.8	***0.0***	37.5
Subaru	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	11	na	na	na	**8**	na	***-100.0***	na
Toyota	37	30	40	28	42	20	28	23	25	19	16	**25**	-16.7	***56.2***	19.3
Volkswagen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Volvo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Other	12	13	13	7	8	6	5	0	20	21	9	**1**	-95.0	***-88.9***	36.9
Total Car Sales	570	464	528	410	455	368	377	495	390	464	436	**472**	-14.7	***8.2***	2.3

Economic Indicators: Houma Area Per Cent Change

New Truck Sales	Jun 84	Jul 84	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: **Prior Month**	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Chevrolet	72	71	70	54	72	81	41	66	53	71	69	**82**	-30.6	***18.8***	5.9
Datsun	12	14	11	7	9	12	17	12	na	13	13	**10**	-16.7	***-23.1***	na
Dodge	65	64	40	38	59	50	49	59	66	81	75	**59**	18.0	***-21.4***	17.6
Ford	93	69	69	52	70	75	58	63	57	74	75	**89**	20.2	***18.6***	7.6
GMC	28	23	32	24	19	27	24	40	29	21	35	**32**	-20.0	***-8.6***	-5.7
International	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	3	na	na	na	**3**	na	***-100.0***	na
Mazda	7	2	3	9	4	4	4	3	1	4	8	**0**	-100.0	***-100.0***	36.1
Peterbilt	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	0	na	na	na	**0**	na	***-100.0***	na
Toyota	27	16	20	15	22	10	18	27	8	15	23	**21**	31.2	***-8.7***	89.7
Other	29	20	26	19	30	13	18	29	48	30	36	**34**	78.9	***-5.6***	135.4
Total Truck Sales	333	279	271	218	285	272	229	302	262	309	334	**330**	-0.4	***-1.2***	15.2

■ **Beer Sales Information**		Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Number of Cases Sold		163,066	207,212	180,503	187,016	142,896	**164,729**	-8.2	***15.2***	-2.7
State Excise Tax Revenue	$	17,937	22,793	19,856	20,572	15,719	**18,120**	-8.2	***15.2***	-2.7

■ **Revenue Collections**	**$**	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**	Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Retail Sales Tax - State		1,843,016	1,811,145	2,208,848	1,601,021	1,645,345	**1,924,408**	5.4	***16.9***	28.8
Severence Tax		6,490,737	9,015,300	8,453,693	8,532,971	7,402,998	**na**	na	***na***	na
Minimum Royalty		6,219,336	5,992,332	9,289,882	5,951,421	6,616,378	**5,002,254**	na	***-24.4***	na

Louisiana State Sales Tax Collections By Commodity

								Per Cent Change		
								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
State Sales Taxes by Commodity	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**	Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Grocery Stores	3,502,649	3,262,415	3,313,204	3,618,508	2,994,177	3,034,064	**3,387,045**	32.8	***11.6***	47.8
Fruit & Vegetable Stores	113,017	122,710	93,684	120,134	96,325	89,014	**119,555**	8.3	***34.3***	3.8
Meat & Seafood Stores	373,587	364,291	351,757	396,059	315,214	352,029	**414,779**	27.2	***17.8***	24.7
Restaurants & Cafes	3,618,164	3,436,438	3,149,352	3,524,841	3,036,190	3,262,421	**3,736,917**	47.0	***14.5***	32.4
Saloons, Bars, Package Liquors	2,658,050	3,116,049	3,130,698	3,754,941	2,287,065	2,700,789	**2,595,269**	14.6	***-4.0***	22.6
Dairy, Egg, Poultry	206,450	172,627	208,346	178,113	150,672	161,721	**194,700**	7.4	***20.3***	14.7
Bakeries	72,082	82,840	70,207	98,147	71,384	69,214	**76,759**	37.9	***10.9***	40.1
Chain Stores (Food)	647,306	793,939	511,778	569,488	351,855	496,461	**543,086**	45.4	***9.3***	3.6
Other Foods	2,085,382	1,946,054	1,616,557	1,936,532	1,398,425	1,455,920	**1,757,445**	29.4	***20.7***	41.2
Men and Boy's Clothing	311,511	325,007	396,402	691,023	296,110	251,228	**339,353**	33.0	***35.0***	24.3
Women's Ready To Wear	783,911	796,725	860,012	1,299,347	704,655	588,053	**976,880**	49.6	***66.1***	32.2
Millinery	720,784	533,082	740,933	1,365,722	529,339	458,328	**831,261**	97.1	***81.3***	34.4
Shoe Stores	674,123	721,977	733,100	1,164,337	580,242	581,351	**850,556**	46.5	***46.3***	27.7
Salvage Clothing	7,578	6,466	6,922	9,288	5,659	5,932	**7,736**	47.7	***30.4***	28.4
Children's Clothing	64,601	56,163	59,330	88,129	56,749	45,328	**78,212**	51.5	***72.5***	32.8
Chain Stores (Clothing)	371	271	0	616	76	224	**46**	0.0	***-79.5***	-81.7
Other Apparel	888,113	868,083	974,328	1,634,102	797,569	663,309	**991,510**	52.1	***49.4***	38.8
Department Stores	3,164,734	3,084,392	4,180,061	6,306,995	2,456,775	2,430,679	**3,581,559**	46.7	***47.3***	36.5
Country & Farm Stores	11,232	8,703	11,597	20,849	11,018	8,247	**6,982**	13.2	***-15.4***	24.7
Variety Stores	2,399,153	3,460,731	1,791,908	5,516,270	1,947,640	1,849,559	**2,502,271**	51.1	***35.2***	44.2
Drug Stores	1,229,534	1,330,102	1,328,837	2,338,094	1,300,214	1,385,465	**1,346,063**	40.6	***-2.9***	34.4
Jewelry, Leather, Sporting Goods	1,405,975	1,440,696	1,309,962	2,814,986	891,632	952,204	**1,179,075**	17.3	***23.8***	10.7
Feed & Seed	178,401	151,212	153,503	152,457	150,571	157,653	**226,221**	39.5	***43.4***	27.0
Hardware Stores	1,446,416	1,356,659	1,361,349	1,259,473	1,251,326	1,181,562	**1,492,518**	27.1	***26.3***	21.3
Farm Implement Dealers	869,963	809,260	679,781	739,200	564,001	578,518	**1,297,739**	138.3	***124.3***	44.0
Chain Stores (General)	2,140,535	2,281,464	3,277,075	3,976,626	1,777,144	1,818,221	**2,169,410**	27.4	***19.3***	23.3
Other General Merchandise	1,324,968	1,205,690	1,250,517	2,049,985	905,556	884,719	**1,242,284**	28.5	***40.4***	30.2
Motor Vehicle Dealers	862,336	978,761	887,128	843,559	915,051	844,868	**922,894**	32.0	***9.2***	24.3
Auto Parts, Tires	2,419,790	2,438,313	2,406,933	2,266,370	2,173,960	2,047,015	**2,509,379**	35.6	***22.5***	24.7
Service Stations	975,181	1,196,470	823,710	1,200,628	803,022	902,684	**914,211**	59.8	***1.2***	46.1
Garages, Repair Shops	1,201,707	1,054,359	1,012,229	1,237,411	1,034,218	955,251	**1,267,405**	30.7	***32.6***	28.7
Diesel Fuel, Fuel Oil	83,779	66,857	81,014	67,874	63,710	62,001	**82,178**	-68.1	***32.5***	-8.5
Marine Supplies	183,354	172,729	159,085	170,884	110,893	181,738	**189,845**	26.5	***4.4***	30.5
Motor Boats	89,669	90,741	69,986	119,556	73,392	76,678	**191,382**	45.1	***149.5***	21.3
Aircraft	55,192	35,979	43,941	53,509	26,425	45,242	**46,294**	-0.9	***2.3***	4.9
Chain Stores (Auto)	865,479	852,006	844,108	2,459,849	755,374	690,791	**764,509**	-7.3	***10.6***	-4.9
Other Automotive	123,409	157,865	136,892	125,822	93,760	115,831	**140,211**	140.1	***21.0***	49.0
Furniture Stores	827,630	898,135	984,672	1,160,299	821,473	711,423	**855,473**	22.7	***20.2***	22.6
Electric & Gas App	1,560,271	1,544,302	1,771,907	2,153,470	1,558,961	1,221,391	**1,664,364**	35.0	***36.2***	32.4
Butane Dealers	821,268	825,049	761,160	762,484	735,724	608,857	**672,043**	3.6	***10.3***	12.5
Store, Office Furniture	1,663,960	1,898,237	1,613,322	2,164,413	1,419,157	1,515,802	**1,513,153**	34.3	***-0.2***	47.4
Hotel, Restaurant Supplies	267,476	379,105	283,465	321,087	275,892	252,164	**305,361**	19.5	***21.0***	35.0
Awnings, Blinds, Upholstery	358,244	360,672	382,404	600,988	303,405	328,512	**376,211**	33.1	***14.5***	34.0
Dental, Medical Supplies	481,016	461,340	431,439	580,260	568,729	448,051	**560,498**	82.9	***25.0***	31.2
Safes, Locks	51,712	46,529	45,714	73,123	50,428	35,808	**50,053**	-11.3	***39.7***	29.4
Chain Stores (Furniture)	401	1,499	1,287	1,180	471	1,063	**2,620**	706.1	***146.4***	41.2
Other Furniture	380,871	358,262	351,701	444,296	322,093	326,602	**370,837**	28.2	***13.5***	28.0
Bldg Contractors, Const[illegible]tion	205,288	191,086	214,015	182,933	144,658	853,280	**200,274**	0.7	***-76.6***	40.7
Lumber, Paint, Wallpaper Stores	4,827,967	4,659,519	4,610,241	4,044,762	3,528,993	3,420,610	**4,678,198**	12.4	***36.7***	18.0
Electric, Plumbing, Elevators	3,256,806	3,467,675	2,997,853	3,294,356	3,373,247	3,077,013	**4,187,067**	26.6	***36.0***	45.6
Oil Well Equipment	3,178,944	3,483,575	3,040,885	3,986,707	3,161,566	2,811,520	**3,698,399**	34.1	***31.5***	52.9
Contractors (Elect)	246,388	262,750	256,979	270,838	235,974	220,533	**262,500**	42.0	***19.0***	25.8
Contractors (Paint)	23,863	19,369	17,082	20,988	15,384	15,753	**18,576**	10.2	***17.9***	56.9
Contractors (Roofing)	51,083	65,920	63,997	54,032	40,229	42,669	**46,299**	-3.8	***8.5***	23.5
Trucks, Dragline, Etc.	2,333,582	5,981,960	2,188,015	2,102,485	2,267,956	1,572,440	**2,365,392**	34.6	***50.4***	41.5
Chain Stores (Lumber)	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Other Contractors	430,869	390,353	372,206	350,188	349,040	333,421	**383,474**	-9.2	***15.0***	0.8
Hotels, Motels, Etc.	1,670,294	1,669,682	1,771,861	1,336,068	1,404,067	1,191,985	**1,771,001**	79.9	***48.5***	64.0
Leasing, Renting	2,704,023	2,369,370	2,525,701	3,491,334	2,365,025	2,286,647	**3,039,412**	58.3	***32.9***	27.3
Bowling, Billiards	33,914	33,156	29,771	22,901	31,131	23,538	**28,664**	43.6	***21.7***	74.8
Laundry, Tailoring	372,085	402,239	379,417	445,349	365,020	390,636	**413,564**	22.3	***5.8***	25.8
Newspapers, Printing	988,340	924,140	932,060	1,137,133	842,151	964,376	**961,691**	31.7	***-0.3***	39.9
Cotton Gins, Etc.	2,051	2,064	1,743	2,249	2,084	2,010	**1,989**	63.7	***-1.1***	155.3
Warehouses	49,751	40,870	37,343	49,549	43,122	34,451	**57,441**	28.2	***66.7***	-0.4
Shoe Repair, Shine	20,800	20,239	20,485	35,432	18,018	15,673	**24,702**	34.6	***57.6***	31.1

Louisiana State Sales Tax Collections By Commodity — Per Cent Change

	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
Machine Shops, Welding	706,388	726,289	666,951	769,207	608,841	551,832	837,182	41.9	51.7	22.0
Other Service Groups	888,787	644,514	754,517	974,580	635,342	553,928	758,430	35.5	36.9	34.8
Beverage Bottlers	588,406	608,423	507,604	497,945	435,149	445,040	540,196	32.4	21.3	27.8
Sugar Refineries	9,700	9,503	12,814	7,038	5,709	1,660	2,916	-54.0	75.6	3.7
Petroleum, Natural Gas	-1,187,222	642,073	-330,476	198,768	215,107	207,044	242,293	100.0	17.0	23.9
Petroleum Refineries	294,130	308,094	240,205	444,474	468,023	360,937	465,423	54.4	28.9	8.5
Sawmills, Sash & Door	15,934	9,784	22,563	23,383	17,217	11,599	36,499	453.6	214.6	96.9
Sand & Gravel	400,793	290,459	303,638	300,280	234,624	230,847	366,222	10.3	58.6	10.8
Rice Mills	1,318	738	2,968	1,568	657	625	3,620	105.4	479.2	-51.9
Cotton Seed Oil	3,710	4,496	4,358	4,678	2,803	3,392	4,014	62.0	18.3	60.9
Ice Manufacture	30,988	20,383	15,323	13,028	10,328	11,602	15,974	38.7	37.6	16.3
Other Manufacturers	8,888,060	7,296,404	7,056,657	7,109,704	6,225,745	5,607,526	8,788,282	18.5	56.7	41.9
Railroads	20	0	0	20	0	0	32	-32.0	0.0	-42.0
Bus Lines, Etc.	26,387	37,894	233	103	9	264	460	164.3	74.2	10,875.4
Pullman, Tank Cars	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	na
Trucking, Freight, Etc.	1,290	331	501	1,540	1,882	3,253	1,377	35.1	-57.7	59.7
Fire Protection	33,733	27,835	28,944	29,592	32,122	27,806	35,801	82.1	28.7	36.2
Pipelines	1,337	2,374	26	3,530	783	141	2,233	12.0	1,483.6	-2.4
Light, Power, Gas	62,243	92,518	78,011	93,549	76,886	65,172	74,680	-19.7	14.5	4.0
Telephone, Telegraph	19,830	10,897	24,979	19,156	11,019	11,172	16,402	119.1	46.8	89.2
Other Utilities	78,962	125,129	110,843	622,257	8,333	38,297	72,292	-11.2	88.7	-20.6
Book Stores, Etc.	539,475	400,269	370,955	531,790	552,779	353,799	407,869	50.3	15.2	34.7
Itinerant Vendors	13,713	12,690	10,210	11,492	6,427	6,135	9,754	-2.5	58.9	13.0
Piano, Musical Instruments	345,809	330,750	386,053	532,917	252,324	356,677	308,716	8.5	-13.5	15.0
Iron, Sheet Metal, Etc.	61,559	69,633	66,397	65,340	58,369	59,104	78,483	39.1	32.7	35.9
Photo Studios	352,097	345,647	324,658	437,145	282,364	253,042	309,134	19.1	22.1	29.8
Cigar Stores, News	674,854	710,632	677,823	710,547	664,452	617,942	654,431	36.2	5.9	28.3
Florists, Nurseries	275,763	274,143	271,694	423,151	225,810	316,907	431,151	49.8	36.0	35.7
Funeral Parlors	147,887	129,899	125,328	150,985	163,705	157,783	171,825	42.9	8.8	30.8
Fishing Bait	165,919	185,549	128,523	149,997	133,409	131,675	155,310	45.5	17.9	4.6
Miscellaneous	8,028,250	7,708,447	10,360,592	12,863,081	12,090,788	7,644,575	9,084,816	36.2	18.8	43.3
Common Carriers	389,496	372,014	357,271	414,014	331,621	281,181	443,424	54.2	57.7	26.1
Others	84,860	96,724	80,998	72,632	94,747	75,691	92,267	-16.3	21.8	36.4
Total Sales Tax	86,511,859	91,034,758	86,774,112	110,736,119	79,068,820	72,477,188	91,894,303	32.6	26.7	-99.2

Louisiana Local Sales Tax Collections • Parish Governing Authority — Per Cent Change

Police Juries	Population	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85			
Acadia P.J.	59,369	200,440	255,814	329,756	229,955	266,789	270,415	249,923	1.5	-7.6	5.6
Ascension	54,618	241,773	256,034	319,419	289,853	245,189	319,497	259,369	14.3	-18.9	21.0
Assumption	23,955	103,241	96,350	88,131	78,057	130,537	120,291	97,212	22.2	-19.2	-14.2
Caldwell	10,947	41,119	56,453	56,453	38,498	39,586	55,842	36,118	-17.5	-35.4	10.0
Catahoula	12,326	74,998	71,874	82,998	65,193	67,067	na	na	na	na	na
Concordia	23,577	65,698	65,892	62,712	67,049	52,284	na	na	na	na	na
E Baton Rouge	389,503	5,788,527	5,552,730	7,247,291	5,381,521	5,135,746	6,305,216	na	na	na	na
Iberville	32,981	282,646	298,398	407,769	280,455	272,460	294,987	305,211	0.3	3.4	-9.7
Jefferson	476,915	8,386,398	8,312,280	10,099,719	7,355,829	7,244,502	8,476,295	8,524,445	54.0	0.5	47.1
Lafayette	169,694	291,526	275,020	339,433	311,520	241,893	601,397	321,119	0.0	-46.7	11.3
Lafourche	88,349	147,206	182,996	184,145	182,062	166,111	180,578	178,781	-7.0	-1.0	0.9
Lincoln	41,847	147,746	226,591	136,996	126,507	146,396	154,069	152,736	-1.3	-0.9	8.5
Madison	15,894	26,216	25,914	15,064	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Ouachita	142,300	243,293	231,968	310,780	209,550	248,277	298,675	303,143	24.2	1.4	16.7
Plaquemine	26,778	347,242	282,487	353,219	300,196	324,158	323,205	339,796	11.4	5.1	1.3
Pointe Coupee	25,091	163,348	120,420	217,420	128,991	110,691	138,715	209,446	115.1	50.9	13.7
Rapides	138,346	727,151	862,325	922,412	620,591	759,915	820,729	776,545	-4.9	-5.4	2.6
Red River	11,114	27,798	38,901	37,033	35,643	40,426	40,962	42,180	14.2	2.9	2.0
St Bernard	67,949	481,320	645,901	454,195	415,252	547,573	na	na	na	na	na
St Charles	41,103	226,143	518,774	308,224	349,784	475,624	400,398	385,235	3.2	-3.8	16.9
St Helena	10,186	22,021	20,312	29,814	24,821	25,160	na	na	na	na	na
St James	21,970	155,539	132,011	167,760	156,116	135,808	156,897	125,573	-55.3	-20.0	-47.0
St Mary	66,950	865,871	916,027	1,297,879	800,175	1,003,263	1,097,918	834,521	-2.7	-24.0	18.4
St Mary	66,950	37,024	35,087	65,174	37,755	35,510	57,052	36,350	4.2	-36.3	56.5
St Mary	66,950	31,131	33,958	35,959	22,634	30,464	21,664	36,350	12.2	67.7	50.1
Tensas	8,244	34,688	27,539	28,784	22,531	24,045	na	na	na	na	na
Terrebonne	102,038	1,022,201	1,193,442	1,125,475	863,790	852,646	1,071,232	972,572	3.9	-9.3	10.3
Vermillion	52,445	324,878	419,322	322,551	389,286	384,847	324,419	339,533	5.2	4.6	6.9
W Ascension HSD	,618	39,594	28,159	45,698	39,826	32,851	48,462	48,918	50.8	0.9	23.0
W B Rouge	20,168	109,130	103,070	180,760	89,860	95,070	na	na	na	na	na
Total		20,655,906	21,286,049	25,273,023	18,913,300	19,134,888	21,578,915	4,299,370	-76.4	-80.1	9.2

Louisiana State Sales Tax Collections By Parishes

Per Cent Change

									Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Parish	**Population**	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**	Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Acadia	59,369	513,699	463,791	497,783	584,071	455,772	418,223	**545,674**	32.8	***30.4***	26.7
Allen	21,739	101,523	83,755	90,091	111,443	64,056	65,179	**92,929**	27.5	***42.5***	31.6
Ascension	54,618	582,712	580,474	576,885	938,210	584,263	581,929	**647,163**	39.5	***11.2***	44.7
Assumption	23,955	70,956	72,038	61,765	73,975	48,544	56,516	**82,360**	26.4	***45.7***	12.2
Avoyelles	42,715	176,185	164,065	169,994	195,870	131,296	135,176	**195,696**	52.1	***44.7***	32.6
Beauregard	31,207	239,994	244,801	315,064	329,378	204,986	187,787	**270,309**	-82.0	***43.9***	-17.5
Bienville	16,188	48,502	40,374	42,716	60,475	40,317	37,273	**90,666**	98.1	***143.2***	25.3
Bossier	88,370	875,758	825,662	888,112	929,624	674,203	576,933	**791,336**	25.0	***37.1***	30.0
Caddo	261,817	3,632,821	4,846,714	4,572,237	5,874,292	4,271,064	4,225,109	**5,563,258**	44.9	***31.6***	30.0
Calcasieu	176,760	2,511,655	2,656,514	2,574,022	3,127,796	2,065,687	2,280,054	**2,719,510**	41.1	***19.2***	28.8
Caldwell	10,947	51,182	51,431	40,458	54,982	37,763	42,199	**42,080**	39.5	***-0.3***	35.1
Cameron	10,139	69,920	83,429	58,714	66,053	75,334	56,972	**68,202**	-6.9	***19.7***	36.1
Catahoula	12,326	68,823	63,563	67,372	81,948	50,144	34,062	**63,184**	18.7	***85.4***	13.1
Claiborne	18,367	101,057	96,245	103,517	134,261	92,784	73,979	**104,852**	41.7	***41.7***	40.3
Concordia	23,577	144,242	152,551	138,243	167,617	106,836	104,790	**137,366**	41.0	***31.0***	38.5
Desoto	26,970	158,360	139,021	156,015	200,176	125,709	136,150	**170,468**	-49.5	***25.2***	20.0
East Baton Rouge	389,503	8,273,589	8,140,734	8,379,208	11,055,967	7,384,771	7,509,807	**8,837,864**	39.0	***17.6***	31.8
East Carroll	11,671	116,643	49,405	58,267	70,539	43,336	40,377	**65,099**	32.1	***61.2***	38.8
East Feliciana	19,939	48,354	59,101	57,064	67,888	39,842	42,658	**69,081**	44.5	***61.9***	170.2
Evangeline	34,367	173,913	166,458	181,282	214,286	133,576	134,409	**203,851**	37.0	***51.6***	30.0
Franklin	24,509	131,249	117,501	120,543	148,474	69,841	84,443	**122,950**	41.4	***45.6***	32.5
Grant	17,621	31,953	17,746	15,100	23,816	17,844	26,176	**26,927**	18.9	***2.8***	31.0
Iberia	69,257	823,365	862,387	888,483	997,115	809,264	742,627	**896,741**	34.6	***20.7***	40.6
Iberville	32,981	403,936	449,584	187,196	481,067	300,285	330,831	**379,999**	-2.4	***14.8***	39.8
Jackson	17,309	215,351	62,394	185,386	168,029	129,587	95,734	**155,400**	77.4	***62.3***	150.2
Jefferson	476,915	8,553,125	8,351,410	8,195,610	9,689,419	7,668,163	7,651,202	**8,779,878**	39.4	***14.7***	38.0
Jefferson Davis	33,017	219,377	231,614	224,751	264,891	211,029	206,524	**273,841**	31.0	***32.5***	32.0
Lafayette	169,694	4,632,224	5,468,215	4,291,796	5,421,703	3,928,177	3,782,192	**4,738,316**	38.2	***25.2***	33.8
Lafourche	88,349	624,789	603,318	605,698	674,058	487,340	546,847	**593,732**	-28.6	***8.5***	17.1
Lasalle	17,697	108,670	96,614	105,505	123,441	79,908	63,378	**75,864**	-16.5	***19.7***	16.6
Lincoln	41,847	451,119	455,942	368,412	514,993	376,055	300,983	**412,410**	28.4	***37.0***	27.4
Livingston	66,451	282,629	262,926	229,484	298,179	218,475	215,005	**295,841**	36.2	***37.5***	27.8
Madison	15,894	66,023	65,268	63,238	83,893	53,440	42,700	**66,533**	61.5	***55.8***	51.2
Morehouse	35,183	233,283	242,735	241,838	285,717	204,350	187,014	**254,163**	-56.3	***35.9***	64.0
Natchitoches	40,805	292,324	267,663	270,179	344,787	231,197	202,114	**300,148**	80.7	***48.5***	12.7
Orleans	567,062	12,360,047	13,578,022	11,883,878	15,632,514	14,121,957	10,350,883	**12,874,774**	32.9	***24.3***	26.4
Ouachita	142,300	2,627,191	2,441,643	2,688,253	3,439,803	2,205,313	2,058,589	**2,687,883**	12.9	***30.5***	34.3
Plaquemines	26,778	355,981	328,279	365,249	489,047	353,327	327,919	**408,239**	27.0	***24.4***	13.3
Pointe Coupee	25,091	93,043	107,761	1,629,995	216,876	69,875	62,534	**101,418**	39.7	***62.1***	218.7
Rapides	138,346	1,632,999	1,568,237	1,594,117	1,941,250	1,318,893	1,283,810	**1,617,522**	37.7	***25.9***	38.7
Red River	11,114	41,029	39,614	37,422	44,170	30,893	30,840	**40,288**	24.2	***30.6***	17.3
Richland	22,785	152,728	129,599	118,379	172,124	86,810	87,245	**135,242**	34.6	***55.0***	25.9
Sabine	27,139	118,166	124,659	114,235	140,315	95,803	92,026	**139,067**	35.8	***51.1***	36.5
St. Bernard	67,949	215,839	351,149	361,733	423,553	302,817	278,918	**316,720**	66.7	***13.5***	71.8
St. Charles	41,103	326,344	436,067	381,472	411,472	343,928	379,496	**533,665**	129.7	***40.6***	21.2
St. Helena	10,186	14,483	4,297	7,789	6,607	4,215	4,996	**8,956**	-68.8	***79.2***	-45.8
St. James	21,970	121,661	123,220	121,385	152,818	85,883	123,730	**151,548**	43.4	***22.4***	25.2
St. John	37,668	404,937	367,826	360,745	591,562	393,000	358,442	**962,756**	224.6	***168.5***	67.8
St. Landry	87,800	606,526	555,973	561,140	667,559	494,928	536,687	**591,956**	31.2	***10.2***	28.7
St. Martin	44,455	280,028	233,056	245,984	288,996	196,002	315,025	**273,249**	42.6	***-13.3***	41.6
St. Mary	66,950	856,736	844,011	849,709	908,289	852,612	703,355	**887,957**	52.6	***26.2***	38.1
St. Tammany	128,130	1,104,198	1,065,727	1,090,464	1,245,038	911,677	891,470	**1,218,894**	25.8	***36.7***	28.0
Tangipahoa	87,863	736,657	635,381	608,240	774,782	513,596	520,223	**611,437**	19.4	***17.5***	28.4
Tensas	8,244	34,510	21,071	15,981	27,249	16,701	11,572	**26,776**	42.3	***131.3***	36.1
Terrebonne	102,038	1,371,903	1,239,698	1,205,447	1,534,790	1,113,681	1,098,498	**1,330,676**	33.8	***21.1***	35.3
Union	21,734	81,643	78,271	76,467	95,508	70,028	41,764	**108,351**	51.4	***159.4***	26.9
Vermillion	52,445	319,570	335,905	371,672	398,845	296,255	297,387	**409,917**	6.2	***37.8***	19.5
Vernon	61,275	226,423	225,049	230,302	297,115	201,877	184,238	**261,093**	36.5	***41.7***	28.2
Washington	45,765	217,713	194,798	193,101	274,139	167,682	163,971	**204,001**	19.6	***24.4***	27.1
Webster	45,205	346,568	301,323	343,127	406,566	256,841	240,500	**303,831**	19.9	***26.3***	43.8
West Baton Rouge	20,168	161,264	134,124	156,179	171,110	160,585	160,251	**150,535**	-19.9	***-6.1***	-26.7
West Carroll	13,267	69,534	48,442	45,908	61,049	38,757	42,459	**54,947**	28.1	***29.4***	32.0
West Feliciana	13,269	169,533	3,770,447	221,373	244,220	156,114	227,562	**249,105**	149.1	***9.4***	219.7
Winn	17,575	104,440	116,238	115,595	156,809	100,865	98,910	**118,897**	28.4	***20.2***	33.0
Out Of State		26,330,857	25,099,276	25,756,716	35,660,886	22,639,149	20,286,536	**26,980,914**	38.1	***32.9***	34.7
Invalid		0	81	28	2,622	53,418	2	**0**	-100.0	***-100.0***	116.2
Total Sales Tax		86,511,856	91,034,687	86,774,113	110,736,116	79,068,820	72,477,190	**91,894,305**	32.6	***26.7***	-99.0

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Abbeville	12,478	82,706	90,023	113,504	79,267	76,979	90,435	92,661	11.3	2.4	4.9
Abita Springs	1,131	4,330	5,034	2,617	2,677	4,001	4,640	2,444	-52.2	-47.4	35.0
Albany	874	4,001	4,367	3,511	3,206	4,086	4,130	4,414	-5.9	6.8	32.9
Alexandria	52,371	408,979	484,729	613,220	367,639	411,942	481,471	442,131	-0.4	-8.2	3.8
Amite City	4,448	70,814	71,787	92,667	64,326	59,186	71,202	66,747	-11.1	-6.3	1.1
Angie	322	1,573	751	447	965	4,284	na	na	na	na	na
Arcadia	3,531	16,316	18,735	21,330	19,292	17,685	18,280	16,830	-1.5	-8.0	-0.7
Arnaudville	1,734	14,237	16,002	22,041	12,167	12,847	14,208	16,955	11.2	19.3	3.6
Baker	13,496	142,117	114,265	172,292	115,703	122,978	134,977	125,909	-11.9	-6.8	3.0
Basile	2,720	5,509	13,737	8,627	6,987	8,152	10,192	7,267	-5.9	-28.7	7.7
Bastrop	15,279	105,010	169,689	127,763	93,504	100,150	106,739	114,622	24.1	7.3	-1.0
Benton	2,062	6,143	5,368	3,098	5,306	8,180	4,350	6,677	30.9	53.4	na
Bernice	2,082	6,350	8,376	9,379	7,080	7,106	8,138	6,876	11.0	-15.6	10.1
Bogalusa	16,941	225,636	311,767	293,524	246,249	254,225	265,850	268,958	12.3	1.1	4.7
Bonita	507	959	1,304	975	848	1,326	1,557	1,220	-6.1	-21.7	14.4
Bossier City	53,032	545,584	549,920	703,741	410,189	528,496	572,484	546,658	-7.7	-4.6	4.7
Breaux Bridge	6,412	35,284	46,187	54,169	32,417	36,764	41,976	39,393	0.2	-6.2	6.6
Broussard	3,264	37,144	36,008	45,335	38,867	35,124	39,034	57,388	104.2	47.0	36.5
Bunkie	5,400	48,226	46,602	55,202	33,530	44,737	47,210	45,322	-5.2	-4.0	0.8
Campti	1,069	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Cankton	342	595	715	640	864	887	565	801	126.2	41.7	12.8
Carencro	4,137	32,988	31,295	34,495	26,730	24,944	36,025	35,333	-2.0	-2.0	5.6
Church Point	4,692	15,806	18,181	22,126	16,244	16,384	22,674	19,715	13.1	-13.1	3.9
Colfax	1,697	13,368	11,697	15,012	11,977	10,726	13,942	na	na	na	na
Columbia	689	8,195	10,151	7,488	7,646	6,801	9,677	8,742	-16.8	-9.7	16.6
Cotton Valley	1,555	2,300	3,458	2,300	2,500	2,600	2,520	2,500	11.1	-0.8	7.4
Cottonport	2,119	5,739	7,300	8,251	5,174	5,886	6,670	7,408	7.4	11.0	-2.4
Coushatta	2,187	18,451	16,748	25,111	18,701	21,810	22,984	18,058	9.2	-21.5	11.1
Covington	8,280	170,592	261,656	261,656	140,894	157,995	173,050	184,266	9.6	6.4	14.6
Crowley	16,242	154,610	164,253	255,195	152,578	140,093	170,059	167,921	0.3	-1.3	1.7
Cullen	1,862	2,896	4,609	3,630	3,237	3,703	3,451	4,309	23.0	24.8	8.3
Delcambre	2,226	8,076	9,762	6,017	8,119	7,558	9,448	8,852	13.1	-6.4	7.8
Delhi	3,321	8,103	11,456	10,580	7,990	9,083	11,082	9,929	-0.9	-10.5	5.6
Delta	283	941	176	767	128	88	298	603	95.7	102.3	-20.0
Denham Sprgs	8,963	98,063	92,074	132,562	80,270	98,253	111,959	104,753	-3.0	-6.5	2.5
Dequincy	4,101	39,179	39,228	48,039	33,446	31,772	41,679	37,024	15.5	-11.2	41.7
DeRidder	11,191	71,249	88,234	100,120	69,352	79,340	84,656	89,606	10.1	5.8	6.7
Dixie Inn	506	4,868	4,933	4,421	3,778	4,823	na	na	na	na	na
Donaldsonville	8,070	66,178	77,697	77,698	48,959	55,049	64,276	58,475	-12.7	-9.1	-0.3
Dubach	1,234	1,744	3,594	3,682	1,802	2,752	1,931	1,668	-15.3	-13.7	19.7
Duson	1,355	13,899	18,366	17,660	15,173	15,725	16,041	13,771	-7.4	-14.2	1.7
Elizabeth	458	958	1,149	1,176	1,055	1,282	716	1,748	54.6	144.1	-10.2
Elton	1,441	2,576	3,465	3,376	2,977	2,944	4,651	na	na	na	na
Erath	2,345	7,954	11,315	12,608	9,132	10,744	10,758	9,345	-9.6	-13.2	-3.4
Estherwood	728	1,101	651	1,500	1,155	1,417	783	1,209	-1.7	54.4	6.9
Eunice	12,624	157,169	192,138	134,430	148,471	168,776	164,407	146,803	-11.3	-10.8	0.2
Farmerville	3,779	21,654	25,670	34,558	20,649	22,915	25,498	24,907	0.4	-2.4	2.2
Ferriday	4,463	25,663	27,740	37,359	30,167	27,013	na	na	na	na	na
Florien (Estimated)	969	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	948	-81.1	-81.1	-6.8
Folsom	350	2,126	4,522	4,079	4,086	2,665	3,266	3,065	-18.6	-6.2	0.7
Franklinton	4,196	36,365	43,329	46,628	33,036	31,499	38,158	34,628	-6.4	-9.3	-1.1
Gibsland	1,354	1,993	3,554	1,935	2,250	1,748	2,618	2,247	104.8	-14.2	68.2
Gilbert	804	1,641	2,169	1,633	1,328	1,559	1,695	1,536	-21.1	-9.4	14.1
Glenmora	1,490	2,800	3,412	4,435	3,525	3,684	4,288	3,630	-6.1	-15.4	-4.3
Gold Meadow	2,320	10,133	9,408	10,947	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Gonzales	7,517	98,970	108,083	128,412	88,997	85,056	118,498	108,343	-2.9	-8.6	1.9
Grambling	4,226	3,727	6,886	6,834	4,268	4,033	4,161	na	na	na	na
Gramercy	3,477	19,462	15,331	21,397	13,416	13,262	16,011	16,843	1.1	5.1	5.9
Grand Coteau	1,160	2,168	2,774	2,774	1,619	2,451	2,640	3,245	-15.7	22.9	-4.5
Greensburg	683	3,389	5,976	4,237	6,559	4,237	3,373	5,350	54.8	58.6	19.1
Gueydan	1,702	11,230	9,792	7,600	8,082	7,676	9,998	8,908	2.5	-11.0	11.4
Hall Summit	284	331	275	485	609	563	506	806	130.9	59.2	8.0
Hammond	15,792	395,193	389,137	553,546	362,437	331,470	410,844	348,356	-21.1	-15.3	6.5
Haughton	1,670	4,110	5,229	1,306	3,894	6,277	7,344	5,322	40.8	-27.6	57.0

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Haynesville	3,569	10,390	16,653	14,225	14,727	13,410	16,347	**14,264**	-0.3	***-12.8***	1.7
Henderson	1,750	3,520	2,206	6,316	20,328	4,370	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Hodge	703	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Homer	4,478	14,024	19,814	37,442	17,326	26,917	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Independence	1,747	21,774	17,175	17,052	9,824	13,872	13,343	**16,473**	21.9	***23.4***	17.1
Iota	1,334	3,125	5,170	4,263	3,521	3,034	5,137	**4,275**	5.0	***-16.8***	4.0
Iowa	2,586	8,838	9,565	9,063	8,002	7,973	14,058	**7,311**	-24.5	***-48.0***	-1.2
Jeanerette	6,964	28,851	32,282	33,759	21,421	28,635	36,222	**32,646**	17.0	***-9.9***	2.4
Jennings	12,511	71,572	81,222	108,175	71,868	74,205	74,843	**84,780**	-6.7	***13.2***	-0.1
Jonesboro	5,096	50,784	63,783	78,352	50,500	55,631	61,345	**60,748**	5.5	***-1.0***	2.8
Kaplan	5,109	na	na	na	na	na	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Kentwood	2,748	26,873	17,825	54,626	23,447	30,032	33,952	**28,655**	75.7	***-15.7***	71.2
Kinder	2,583	16,080	18,548	15,055	19,412	16,258	16,668	**15,871**	2.7	***-4.8***	7.6
Krotz Springs	1,472	2,165	2,801	3,391	2,476	2,520	5,766	**4,951**	47.0	***-14.2***	-30.3
Lafayette	90,147	1,144,730	1,201,981	1,426,788	1,150,280	992,851	1,197,833	**1,180,745**	4.4	***-1.5***	6.8
Lake Arthur	3,634	26,744	19,628	27,337	19,013	19,057	24,608	**21,531**	-1.7	***-12.6***	1.3
Lake Charles	75,955	536,690	664,037	764,237	485,996	582,874	634,995	**612,687**	1.4	***-3.6***	2.2
L Providence	6,361	17,940	16,365	22,514	12,870	13,824	17,800	**na**	na	***na***	na
Leesville	9,107	104,130	110,671	103,833	74,835	94,784	85,009	**na**	na	***na***	na
Livingston	1,260	6,387	5,722	8,397	3,744	6,267	9,090	**4,222**	-7.0	***-53.6***	18.3
Lockport	2,510	11,990	13,593	12,418	11,896	11,105	14,664	**na**	na	***na***	na
Logansport	1,689	7,547	9,398	10,619	7,403	8,655	9,671	**na**	na	***na***	na
Loreauville	967	3,983	4,230	5,741	3,455	3,391	3,888	**3,690**	1.9	***-5.1***	14.3
Lutcher	5,034	8,694	9,094	11,114	8,709	9,324	9,823	**10,454**	-2.9	***6.4***	-5.3
Madisonville	797	4,359	4,745	5,327	4,054	3,965	3,280	**3,282**	-29.5	***0.0***	14.0
Mamou	3,219	12,612	16,050	16,167	11,812	17,875	16,159	**16,273**	15.4	***0.7***	3.4
Mandeville	6,806	84,382	81,323	107,784	72,415	64,725	81,872	**84,045**	7.8	***2.6***	16.8
Mangham	893	2,130	2,718	2,849	1,807	2,221	3,479	**1,459**	-40.7	***-58.1***	-6.7
Mansfield	6,514	39,497	59,012	51,625	32,590	52,027	60,838	**36,658**	-28.0	***-39.8***	2.4
Many	4,087	38,389	31,932	50,579	31,932	37,342	45,681	**41,690**	2.9	***-8.8***	4.2
Marksville	5,406	45,461	48,898	76,642	46,999	49,515	55,649	**52,173**	12.2	***-6.3***	9.3
Maurice	536	2,680	3,340	3,990	2,970	2,830	3,730	**3,070**	0.5	***-17.7***	0.4
Melville	1,767	3,530	4,400	4,400	3,235	3,075	5,894	**4,130**	7.8	***-30.0***	2.1
Mer Rouge	795	5,411	6,123	3,890	4,351	4,238	5,869	**5,708**	-2.8	***-2.8***	8.8
Mermentau	773	947	1,137	1,044	1,237	636	1,173	**1,040**	11.8	***-11.4***	-59.7
Merryville	1,320	2,811	3,168	2,387	2,464	2,934	2,753	**2,569**	-8.2	***-6.7***	-4.2
Minden	14,974	82,358	104,292	191,224	154,021	162,836	193,310	**185,863**	104.7	***-3.9***	43.8
Monroe	58,520	1,143,785	1,119,627	1,574,753	973,239	992,589	1,135,029	**1,163,265**	7.2	***2.4***	4.9
Mooringsport	911	1,419	2,682	1,313	1,473	2,014	1,632	**1,868**	22.8	***14.4***	357.1
Moreauville	1,002	2,179	2,108	2,327	2,297	2,554	3,048	**2,636**	-29.1	***-13.6***	-3.5
Morgan City	16,205	42,621	44,697	55,357	43,526	46,301	41,929	**na**	na	***na***	na
Morganza	880	na	na	na	na	na	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Morse	858	1,251	1,674	1,792	1,516	1,915	1,521	**na**	na	***na***	na
Napoleonville	835	4,431	5,948	8,647	4,804	4,139	6,787	**5,098**	-10.3	***-24.9***	-1.7
Natchitoches	17,200	208,429	219,276	284,320	189,491	202,068	228,468	**220,729**	0.8	***-3.4***	0.5
New Iberia	33,500	307,135	385,801	483,555	308,185	335,487	381,964	**373,384**	8.8	***-2.3***	4.8
New Llano	2,352	4,536	4,772	4,782	6,844	3,204	4,762	**4,294**	-29.8	***-9.9***	-11.1
New Orleans	567,062	11,406,222	13,341,612	12,624,849	9,273,686	10,582,635	10,343,751	**10,714,734**	-8.5	***3.5***	9.4
New Roads	5,152	44,396	46,767	45,887	31,479	31,434	39,786	**37,921**	-1.9	***-4.7***	8.2
Oak Grove	2,215	19,989	22,494	30,082	19,985	18,610	20,792	**24,250**	16.2	***16.6***	5.4
Oakdale	7,316	22,806	32,202	39,163	23,430	29,283	34,391	**30,866**	9.4	***-10.3***	3.5
Oberlin	1,776	6,915	6,770	4,782	4,691	5,339	7,389	**4,646**	-17.3	***-37.2***	1.9
Oil City	1,510	12,811	14,955	10,661	12,510	13,872	24,170	**8,653**	-25.8	***-64.2***	34.3
Opelousas	19,308	229,545	253,307	317,712	193,221	211,778	259,817	**245,716**	-2.0	***-5.5***	-1.3
Pearl River	1,819	4,586	6,711	15,776	4,019	6,644	8,153	**5,557**	-2.0	***-31.9***	20.6
Pine Prairie	775	3,052	3,855	4,609	3,004	4,801	3,945	**5,977**	34.2	***51.5***	17.6
Pineville	12,382	69,927	83,524	69,497	56,463	88,257	83,453	**88,589**	20.5	***6.1***	11.3
Plain Dealing	1,215	7,995	7,523	6,717	6,676	6,934	7,053	**6,527**	-0.9	***-7.5***	6.0
Plaucheville	196	942	886	896	598	508	812	**593**	-19.5	***-27.0***	-1.9
Pleasant Hill	860	1,019	1,077	874	1,172	560	661	**855**	-38.3	***29.3***	-30.7
Pollock	459	1,643	909	1,288	935	832	999	**na**	na	***na***	na
Ponchatoula	5,559	55,149	75,448	69,995	53,854	62,129	68,270	**69,046**	4.5	***1.1***	-1.6
Port Allen	6,183	38,646	24,952	26,598	29,768	4,131	222	**1,497**	-94.8	***574.3***	-20.5
Port Barre	2,849	8,552	6,846	7,458	6,668	6,229	8,099	**11,239**	45.6	***38.7***	13.1

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Rayne	9,136	55,813	74,143	83,639	53,800	64,664	61,810	70,139	16.9	13.4	-0.6
Rayville	4,790	37,499	42,463	61,189	36,048	36,082	44,748	45,018	14.5	0.6	6.7
Richmond	513	2,278	2,812	1,520	1,587	1,495	2,304	2,679	28.5	16.2	24.4
Ringold	1,728	4,252	3,284	8,467	7,926	5,845	6,782	4,888	-31.4	-28.0	7.5
Roseland	1,327	6,415	5,334	5,501	5,561	6,543	5,543	5,034	-13.2	-9.2	9.8
Rosepine	1,001	1,799	6,028	2,420	1,009	1,633	2,616	1,304	-72.0	-50.2	28.9
Sarepta	846	1,524	1,102	1,029	871	1,546	953	1,021	1.4	7.1	-19.1
Scott	3,731	48,785	48,234	44,619	57,497	39,682	45,611	61,451	27.2	34.7	81.1
Shreveport	207,579	2,708,888	3,327,382	3,922,295	2,514,547	3,004,035	3,282,425	3,225,574	5.5	-1.8	27.2
Sibley	1,227	1,016	680	1,324	1,152	843	944	1,510	100.0	59.9	22.4
Simmesport	2,313	6,779	8,756	5,911	7,683	7,869	8,603	na	na	na	na
Slidell	27,246	211,622	272,491	320,545	185,805	227,450	242,342	248,600	1.0	2.5	9.2
Sorrento	1,369	2,067	2,483	2,218	1,800	1,609	2,094	2,713	-12.4	29.5	-7.8
Springfield	459	3,774	2,362	2,541	3,099	2,621	4,164	3,157	29.3	-24.2	28.5
Springhill	6,536	40,114	48,548	53,633	37,215	39,725	42,428	42,647	3.5	0.5	7.4
St Francisville	1,553	14,784	20,684	22,271	16,519	21,488	20,027	17,553	-4.1	-12.4	4.4
St Martinville	8,331	30,764	36,793	41,603	29,387	30,516	32,997	33,372	4.2	1.1	4.6
Sterlington	1,437	3,535	6,786	4,808	4,925	5,251	5,616	na	na	na	na
Sulphur	20,470	228,535	257,715	256,774	202,047	226,748	232,413	242,676	-0.3	4.4	1.6
Sun	404	1,223	883	1,041	708	818	1,100	1,116	129.1	1.4	39.4
Sunset	2,476	8,504	8,349	8,349	6,974	9,090	12,796	9,603	24.9	-25.0	8.9
Tallulah	11,381	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Tangipahoa	493	1,224	1,368	2,297	1,349	1,340	1,335	1,379	-7.0	3.2	12.1
Thibodaux	16,219	214,378	235,448	260,987	164,585	214,374	246,716	219,078	-1.5	-11.3	1.7
Tickfaw	611	3,976	1,394	2,242	1,051	4,881	3,013	2,108	65.8	-30.1	114.0
Vidalia	6,062	38,213	36,098	46,060	45,095	33,167	na	na	na	na	na
Parks	na	4,150	4,744	4,438	3,662	4,332	4,086	4,176	-36.2	2.2	-9.3
Ville Platte	9,260	73,264	95,039	107,024	56,718	87,389	88,198	91,092	7.2	3.2	72.7
Vinton	3,742	19,171	26,359	19,193	19,501	20,712	26,218	23,135	-7.7	-11.8	4.1
Vivian	4,315	29,473	29,183	33,990	26,513	26,517	31,427	25,589	-4.5	-18.6	9.3
Walker	3,306	9,543	9,858	32,687	9,240	14,151	32,714	21,861	83.9	-33.2	-7.6
Washington	1,319	3,121	5,313	5,313	2,480	2,776	4,993	4,238	51.9	-15.2	3.0
Welsh	3,582	13,073	14,972	13,640	13,316	18,052	17,304	15,002	11.0	-13.4	5.7
W Monre	15,107	241,737	265,377	355,098	215,693	241,195	265,832	257,733	3.8	-3.1	7.7
Westlake	5,525	52,416	51,770	57,757	42,870	56,345	64,026	48,254	-3.5	-24.7	5.6
Winnsboro	6,033	44,391	53,086	65,634	40,190	42,798	55,074	50,588	7.0	-8.2	4.8
Wisner	1,430	5,580	5,275	7,498	4,408	5,624	7,364	5,593	-5.6	-24.1	0.2
Youngsville	1,050	11,496	11,230	10,758	11,112	11,844	13,658	12,901	21.6	-5.6	4.8
Zachary	7,746	101,998	115,528	104,689	128,410	99,806	94,335	130,103	23.0	37.9	18.5
Total		23,704,932	27,314,651	29,377,503	20,577,812	22,878,169	24,038,344	23,496,041	-5.2	-2.3	9.3

Louisiana Local Sales Tax Collections • Parish School Boards

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									Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
School Boards	**Population**	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**	Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Acadia	59,369	203,439	258,812	332,753	250,674	302,036	273,414	**256,306**	-6.9	***-6.3***	6.5
Allen	21,739	68,031	95,278	113,522	80,646	94,866	119,635	**89,710**	14.7	***-25.1***	21.1
Ascension	54,618	763,856	811,899	1,002,060	957,515	836,595	947,392	**na**	na	***na***	na
Assumption	23,955	201,426	191,009	182,160	156,192	260,140	241,399	**196,539**	23.3	***-18.6***	-6.3
Avoyelles	42,715	206,354	198,146	251,017	187,642	188,857	229,465	**220,877**	2.7	***-3.8***	3.7
Beauregard	31,207	151,682	151,719	210,717	141,735	178,556	173,908	**177,378**	-56.0	***1.9***	-7.8
Bienville	16,288	49,687	83,000	64,640	75,114	93,808	72,526	**na**	na	***na***	na
Bogalusa (d)		98,925	111,576	91,069	89,809	115,332	105,183	**98,649**	7.3	***-6.3***	7.7
Bossier	88,370	553,935	765,612	823,158	602,685	689,787	770,451	**692,391**	-4.9	***-10.2***	3.9
Caddo	261,817	1,605,449	2,008,392	2,250,985	1,440,378	1,869,858	1,926,285	**1,903,298**	-1.2	***-1.2***	5.9
Calcasieu	176,760	1,262,343	1,258,605	1,464,704	1,203,300	1,155,332	1,319,153	**1,251,229**	-0.9	***-5.2***	-2.7
Caldwell	10,947	41,119	56,453	56,453	38,498	39,586	55,842	**36,118**	-17.5	***-35.4***	10.0
Catahoula	12,326	47,386	51,381	50,777	43,250	53,774	50,355	**na**	na	***na***	na
Claiborne	18,367	71,862	62,842	94,548	61,295	55,850	73,341	**68,021**	-8.6	***-7.3***	-18.6
Concordia	23,577	124,938	119,993	141,882	139,843	124,432	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Desoto	26,970	119,442	159,640	199,118	110,837	140,374	222,790	**109,420**	-53.2	***-50.9***	-14.8
E Baton Rouge	389,503	2,911,267	3,814,841	2,828,614	2,735,843	3,319,175	3,278,771	**na**	na	***na***	na
E Carroll	11,671	29,639	43,421	39,015	21,372	38,261	34,205	**na**	na	***na***	na
E Feliciana	19,937	99,432	167,044	163,429	95,300	283,724	156,033	**123,364**	-8.7	***-21.0***	4.7
Evangeline	34,367	119,103	111,723	134,878	107,325	165,643	229,501	**214,449**	74.2	***-6.6***	21.3
Franklin	24,509	130,475	88,414	263,598	118,417	143,573	224,660	**150,483**	12.6	***-33.1***	24.7
Grant	17,621	34,672	31,001	31,449	38,769	26,515	38,437	**na**	na	***na***	na
Iberia	69,257	656,906	821,067	674,061	610,819	734,168	727,178	**736,326**	7.5	***1.2***	11.3
Iberville	32,981	282,890	298,574	407,659	280,455	272,460	294,988	**305,207**	0.3	***3.4***	-9.7
Jackson	17,309	165,509	181,222	110,150	153,620	165,921	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Jeff Davis	33,017	175,169	171,808	313,379	177,115	159,227	171,884	**186,305**	-23.0	***8.3***	3.6
Jefferson	476,915	5,280,852	5,231,013	6,424,741	4,663,448	4,606,288	5,351,495	**5,388,954**	-3.4	***0.6***	2.4
Lafayette	169,964	1,544,809	1,581,940	1,884,889	1,568,672	1,327,332	1,912,413	**1,642,628**	5.4	***-14.2***	8.0
Lafourche	88,349	418,585	523,744	591,491	417,367	465,778	499,518	**495,828**	-7.7	***-0.8***	1.2
Lasalle	17,697	78,031	49,416	125,938	54,100	83,569	88,399	**79,057**	-16.8	***-10.6***	-1.9
Lincoln	41,847	198,183	302,121	183,061	168,676	195,195	206,674	**203,648**	-3.6	***-1.5***	9.0
Livingston	66,451	507,152	434,273	545,034	449,014	na	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Madison	15,894	59,000	77,000	78,000	45,000	66,000	73,000	**75,000**	13.6	***2.7***	10.4
Monroe		168,410	166,638	229,762	145,398	157,244	180,646	**144,334**	-12.0	***-20.2***	6.6
Morehouse	35,183	137,121	107,558	155,772	117,413	135,994	135,942	**146,811**	28.3	***7.9***	2.8
Natchitoches	40,805	160,694	197,084	226,131	153,938	178,517	205,847	**190,588**	4.8	***-7.5***	6.7
Orleans	567,062	5,192,704	4,394,116	5,624,718	3,418,434	4,485,416	4,096,523	**4,837,551**	-7.6	***18.0***	6.5
Ouachita	142,300	274,774	271,883	374,875	237,228	256,555	294,739	**235,492**	-12.0	***-20.2***	6.6
Plaquemine	26,778	347,242	282,487	353,209	300,196	324,158	323,205	**339,796**	11.4	***5.1***	1.3
Pointe Coupee	25,091	163,348	90,530	217,420	116,809	80,653	121,983	**191,859**	97.0	***57.2***	12.5
Red River	11,114	29,927	35,287	34,557	40,592	44,215	35,477	**50,392**	10.3	***42.0***	4.3
Richland	22,785	102,831	200,552	125,206	123,759	177,310	42,152	**253,855**	104.3	***502.2***	14.0
Sabine	27,139	89,082	118,191	106,899	86,433	109,136	112,516	**118,467**	7.1	***5.2***	0.7
St Bernard	67,949	481,320	645,901	454,195	415,252	547,543	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
St Charles	41,103	454,904	1,056,690	622,883	703,674	956,913	804,707	**782,750**	3.8	***-2.8***	6.1
St Helena	10,186	22,021	20,312	29,814	24,821	25,160	31,206	**21,738**	-27.6	***-30.4***	-3.7
St James	21,970	367,389	312,872	400,543	356,484	316,788	365,460	**305,910**	-51.4	***-16.3***	-43.2
St John	37,668	456,893	427,727	566,367	492,101	432,086	502,705	**505,702**	9.1	***0.5***	6.7
St Landry	87,800	354,275	331,549	470,949	362,736	309,235	371,244	**395,826**	-0.1	***6.6***	-1.1
St Martin	44,455	342,780	365,486	476,213	376,672	335,273	362,525	**335,435**	74.9	***-7.5***	86.2
St Mary	66,950	470,072	497,299	704,593	434,407	544,656	599,618	**453,054**	-14.4	***-24.5***	16.3
St Tammany	128,130	1,677,144	1,450,760	1,690,443	1,540,164	1,315,170	1,323,879	**1,795,432**	20.5	***35.6***	10.1
Tangipahoa	87,863	873,229	740,893	1,069,406	685,664	841,372	848,313	**849,429**	2.5	***0.1***	33.0
Tensas	8,244	33,327	33,326	37,384	28,920	31,417	33,399	**43,548**	27.1	***30.3***	14.1
Terrebonne	102,038	613,320	716,065	735,285	518,274	511,588	642,739	**583,543**	3.9	***-9.3***	11.2
Union	21,734	76,694	47,080	97,905	50,780	77,049	74,487	**73,790**	12.0	***-1.0***	6.9
Vermillion	52,445	324,878	419,322	322,551	389,286	384,847	324,419	**339,540**	5.2	***4.6***	6.9
Vernon	61,275	154,737	na	na	na	na	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
Washington	45,765	160,275	150,619	152,735	172,713	135,570	138,939	**165,385**	13.7	***19.0***	7.2
Webster	45,205	212,144	215,423	277,865	189,198	180,016	216,310	**207,503**	-0.7	***-4.1***	9.6
W B Rouge	20,168	109,133	103,177	180,758	89,856	95,077	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
W Carroll	13,267	36,638	26,464	76,111	31,399	46,484	52,160	**na**	na	***na***	na
W Feliciana	13,269	393,333	228,940	317,062	250,504	357,765	350,469	**na**	na	***na***	na
Winn	17,575	74,694	82,392	100,315	63,787	89,270	89,236	**81,463**	5.2	***-8.8***	6.3
Total		32,616,881	33,851,456	38,109,858	29,013,975	30,545,632	32,319,675	**19,735,827**	-44.4	***-39.0***	0.4

Sales Tax Collections on New Cars and Trucks by Parishes — Per Cent Change

								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Motor Vehicles Sales Tax	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**	Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Acadia Parish										
School Board	35,686	29,757	39,462	31,490	42,017	51,129	**54,687**	43.2	***6.9***	na
Police Jury	35,686	29,757	39,462	31,490	42,017	51,120	**54,687**	43.2	***6.9***	na
Crowley	11,768	7,960	12,001	7,482	9,716	13,687	**15,027**	42.5	***9.7***	na
Churchpoint	1,639	1,665	1,457	1,656	2,278	3,269	**2,184**	-21.9	***-33.2***	na
Estherwood	201	24	132	81	13	208	**266**	-19.4	***27.8***	na
Iota	453	385	304	123	811	736	**732**	10.4	***-0.6***	na
Morse	141	209	616	312	499	327	**285**	40.3	***-12.9***	na
Rayne	5,357	4,676	5,932	5,102	4,321	6,528	**8,150**	26.7	***24.8***	na
Mermentau	264	186	638	161	486	429	**496**	128.5	***15.6***	na
Eunice	615	191	242	0	181	458	**202**	129.5	***-55.9***	na
Allen Parish										
Sales Tax Department	14,936	na	na	na	na	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
School Board	221	7,948	17,312	11,770	15,273	17,131	**15,017**	2,810.2	***-12.4***	na
Police Jury	na	5,564	12,118	8,239	10,691	11,992	**10,512**	na	***-12.4***	na
Oakdale	3,178	2,300	3,665	2,033	3,045	3,953	**2,410**	-41.9	***-39.1***	na
Oberlin	1,036	445	1,405	465	1,160	757	**685**	-56.8	***-9.6***	na
Elizabeth	221	46	390	102	266	200	**156**	-69.8	***-22.0***	na
Kinder	1,336	1,517	1,507	1,639	1,471	1,949	**1,729**	95.1	***-11.3***	na
Ascension Parish										
School Board	85,678	76,921	88,448	67,337	93,413	95,049	**107,903**	-12.9	***13.5***	na
Police Jury	37,083	32,947	32,989	25,510	35,293	37,209	**40,689**	-13.7	***9.3***	na
Donaldsonville	5,091	3,618	6,277	6,460	5,726	5,906	**7,872**	-21.6	***33.2***	na
Gonzales	2,360	2,316	6,807	3,742	7,500	6,358	**7,981**	-1.1	***25.5***	na
Hospital Service District	2,218	3,180	11,014	12,552	16,810	18,045	**20,968**	409.1	***16.1***	na
E Ascension DD # 1	na	1,158	3,404	1,871	3,750	3,179	**3,990**	na	***25.5***	na
Assumption Parish										
School Board	24,595	24,567	31,502	58,266	60,363	30,696	**34,194**	17.4	***11.3***	na
Police Jury	12,297	12,283	15,751	29,133	30,181	15,348	**17,097**	17.4	***11.3***	na
Napoleonville	1,050	348	235	63	192	677	**226**	-57.6	***-66.7***	na
Avoyelles Parish										
School Board	32,314	27,372	35,480	31,863	37,536	43,934	**38,719**	-5.4	***-11.9***	na
Cottonport	880	862	298	672	703	597	**929**	-10.2	***55.6***	na
Bunkie	4,529	2,223	2,841	3,815	4,322	3,416	**4,005**	42.7	***17.2***	na
Plaucheville	280	0	32	5	99	0	**36**	-55.6	***0.0***	na
Moreauville	616	316	615	466	383	677	**426**	-49.9	***-37.1***	na
Marksville	2,260	4,179	3,341	2,033	3,711	2,850	**3,741**	10.0	***31.2***	na
Simmesport	341	638	854	779	1,064	1,703	**695**	-48.9	***-59.2***	na
Beauregard Parish										
School Board	22,034	20,138	28,005	22,902	27,106	34,575	**31,911**	-5.7	***-7.8***	na
Deridder	5,948	4,386	7,159	4,624	5,993	7,666	**6,951**	11.4	***-9.4***	na
Merryville	401	165	425	528	662	483	**919**	158.8	***90.2***	na
Bienville Parish										
School Board	11,774	10,459	15,090	11,255	13,653	16,207	**13,715**	-9.3	***-15.4***	na
Ringold	924	1,112	783	1,048	550	1,088	**927**	-24.6	***-14.8***	na
Bienville PSB D # 1	1,509	1,128	3,013	2,212	2,840	2,576	**1,892**	-49.1	***-26.6***	na
Arcadia	1,300	687	2,049	1,767	1,675	1,339	**1,138**	-46.7	***-15.1***	na
Gibsland	1,020	549	476	407	923	708	**324**	-66.7	***-54.3***	na
Bossier Parish										
School Board	106,436	104,834	127,151	91,486	132,234	137,011	**142,563**	4.4	***4.0***	na
Bossier City	60,610	55,205	64,507	49,076	74,109	74,600	**84,116**	1.9	***12.7***	na
Plain Dealing	541	677	953	495	543	716	**713**	-35.1	***-0.5***	na
Benton	1,011	1,427	2,076	1,917	1,765	2,333	**2,037**	47.0	***-12.7***	na
Haughton	2,881	3,168	3,854	2,863	4,559	6,048	**4,010**	37.0	***-33.7***	na
Shreveport	282	281	1,377	19	18	0	**782**	89.3	***0.0***	na
Caddo Parish										
School Board	202,311	194,091	251,005	181,079	252,599	281,363	**289,537**	8.0	***2.9***	na
Oil City	1,896	3,051	2,203	1,231	1,779	1,385	**2,314**	-14.5	***67.0***	na
Vivian	2,223	3,746	4,073	2,293	4,961	4,011	**3,962**	27.8	***-1.3***	na
Shreveport	298,998	290,655	374,756	276,019	366,533	432,965	**442,752**	11.0	***2.2***	na
Mooringsport	1,150	581	187	338	562	18	**387**	-47.2	***2,050.0***	na
Calcasieu Parish	na	na	na	na	na	na	**na**	na	***na***	na
School Board	125,460	112,771	154,895	121,302	159,906	161,612	**176,039**	6.8	***8.9***	na
Police Jury	57,319	47,658	71,162	52,951	69,801	65,442	**76,790**	na	***17.3***	na
Lake Charles	50,230	49,483	62,323	50,456	69,321	74,251	**73,921**	17.7	***-0.5***	na
Sulphur	20,552	19,497	25,269	20,402	24,202	23,661	**32,146**	10.8	***35.8***	na
Iowa	1,171	1,198	1,540	1,316	2,159	1,592	**2,292**	47.3	***43.9***	na
Dequincy	3,385	3,116	3,551	3,199	3,818	3,813	**4,167**	44.0	***9.2***	na
Westlake	5,624	3,576	5,992	4,452	6,173	7,333	**5,814**	40.0	***-20.8***	na
Vinton	3,303	2,572	4,645	4,534	2,874	5,752	**3,848**	-39.9	***-33.2***	na
Caldwell Parish										
Police Jury	7,265	7,932	10,573	6,890	11,557	8,098	**10,264**	-5.8	***26.7***	na
School Board	7,265	7,932	10,573	6,890	11,557	8,098	**10,264**	-5.8	***26.7***	na
Columbia	737	412	13	171	772	319	**93**	-87.5	***-70.9***	na
Cathoula Parish										
School Board	4,923	9,386	8,578	5,775	9,746	8,224	**8,879**	-22.2	***7.9***	na
Police Jury	7,385	14,078	12,867	8,662	14,619	16,436	**17,661**	3.1	***7.4***	na
Jonesville	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	na

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								Per Cent Change		
								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**	Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Claiborne Parish										
School Board	12,493	10,517	13,394	9,172	14,776	13,084	**14,140**	9.2	***8.0***	na
Haynesville	2,353	1,948	2,460	1,255	3,971	3,181	**2,583**	-1.5	***-18.8***	na
Homer	2,757	2,590	2,761	1,419	2,242	2,685	**3,785**	85.9	***40.9***	na
Concordia Parish										
School Board	13,800	16,180	18,722	13,594	19,266	19,677	**23,623**	9.3	***20.0***	na
Police Jury	8,078	11,352	11,021	8,246	11,030	11,249	**15,351**	12.0	***36.4***	na
Vidalia	3,438	2,737	5,863	3,139	5,705	6,690	**5,245**	-4.7	***-21.6***	na
Ferriday	2,295	2,107	1,852	2,228	2,551	1,751	**3,046**	25.6	***73.9***	na
Desoto Parish										
School Board	17,542	19,449	26,550	18,033	22,259	22,374	**26,742**	21.9	***19.5***	na
Police Jury	17,542	19,449	26,550	18,033	22,259	22,374	**26,742**	21.9	***19.5***	na
Logansport	823	732	1,084	1,112	1,481	1,401	**1,047**	26.4	***-25.3***	na
Mansfield	4,224	3,524	4,644	3,787	5,357	5,589	**5,591**	14.3	***0.0***	na
East Baton Rouge Parish										
East Baton Rouge	510,553	562,148	769,789	511,806	743,876	684,815	**832,870**	4.4	***21.6***	na
School Board	263,689	289,354	396,187	264,193	383,349	354,519	**428,775**	5.5	***20.9***	na
Baker	9,725	9,656	14,759	8,996	13,816	14,410	**13,242**	58.0	***-8.2***	na
Zachary	6,971	6,766	7,629	7,440	8,807	9,599	**11,235**	66.6	***17.0***	na
East Carroll Parish										
School Board	4,725	4,005	4,984	4,308	3,924	5,264	**6,488**	37.0	***23.2***	na
Lake Providence	1,313	1,315	1,429	896	1,006	2,110	**2,228**	12.2	***5.5***	na
East Feliciana Parish										
Parish School Board	38,072	31,066	34,757	26,707	46,746	41,352	**46,449**	-6.7	***12.3***	na
Evangeline Parish										
School Board	16,750	17,725	26,866	12,414	19,327	21,598	**23,187**	-16.9	***7.3***	na
School Board/Sales Tax	na	na	na	10,202	16,889	19,151	**20,770**	na	***8.4***	na
Ville Platte	5,108	5,400	7,226	4,193	5,217	5,873	**4,344**	-54.7	***-26.1***	na
Basile	785	1,609	509	864	1,063	990	**1,479**	201.2	***49.3***	na
Mamou	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Mamou	1,644	1,604	1,923	2,212	2,438	2,447	**2,417**	-3.9	***-1.3***	na
Pine Praire	170	440	217	706	54	967	**530**	-35.4	***-45.2***	na
Franklin Parish										
School Board	16,657	19,986	26,081	26,405	23,546	26,255	**25,132**	18.9	***-4.3***	na
Police Jury	na	6,662	8,694	8,802	7,849	8,752	**8,377**	na	***-4.3***	na
Winnsboro	1,838	2,065	2,974	2,529	2,952	2,780	**3,279**	-5.8	***17.9***	na
Wisner	369	540	433	408	1,289	828	**558**	62.6	***-32.7***	na
Gilbert	123	339	534	245	142	201	**135**	-72.7	***-32.9***	na
Grant Parish										
School Board	5,876	7,647	19,011	9,339	11,885	12,313	**14,113**	-10.7	***14.6***	na
Police Jury	5,876	7,647	19,011	9,339	11,885	12,313	**14,113**	na	***14.6***	na
Colfax	955	565	2,215	690	734	1,928	**1,114**	-15.7	***-42.3***	na
Pollock	0	328	136	164	173	216	**12**	-93.2	***-94.5***	na
Iberia Parish										
School Board	66,271	61,809	63,295	59,914	77,187	79,959	**79,509**	10.1	***-0.6***	na
Police Jury	7,107	6,521	7,094	6,937	8,325	9,257	**8,039**	3.3	***-13.2***	na
Police Jury (Mosquito)	13,254	12,362	12,659	11,884	15,437	15,992	**15,902**	10.1	***-0.6***	na
Delcambre	617	232	144	274	811	582	**372**	175.5	***-36.1***	na
New Iberia	30,755	30,718	28,940	25,516	36,239	33,524	**38,145**	9.8	***13.7***	na
Jeanerette	3,596	2,817	3,408	2,892	4,472	4,913	**7,331**	80.7	***49.2***	na
Loreauville	679	628	291	375	476	622	**903**	142.7	***45.1***	na
Iberville Parish										
Iberville	18,634	17,849	26,792	18,129	27,060	24,736	**25,115**	-3.0	***1.5***	na
School Board	18,634	17,849	26,792	18,129	27,060	24,736	**25,115**	-3.0	***1.5***	na
Jackson Parish										
School Board	13,193	15,826	23,554	33,539	23,334	22,289	**28,203**	32.2	***26.5***	na
Jonesboro	3,768	2,327	5,349	3,902	3,743	5,170	**4,759**	-8.1	***-8.0***	na
Hodge	442	1,083	1,648	7,334	359	739	**1,094**	99.2	***48.0***	na
Jefferson Parish										
Jefferson	1,223,524	1,035,909	1,244,986	1,098,702	1,389,981	1,444,610	**1,552,253**	51.9	***7.4***	na
School Board	407,841	345,303	414,995	366,234	463,327	481,537	**517,418**	1.2	***7.4***	na
Jefferson Davis Parish										
Parish School Board	24,753	24,064	22,075	22,503	21,798	24,851	**26,348**	-0.1	***6.0***	na
Welsh	2,576	2,617	2,539	2,481	2,723	2,854	**3,052**	14.1	***6.9***	na
Elton Sales	54	374	604	452	437	516	**847**	5.7	***64.1***	na
Jennings	9,919	9,185	7,434	8,241	6,906	10,255	**8,471**	-10.9	***-17.4***	na
Lake Arthur	3,392	2,718	2,940	3,512	2,278	4,399	**4,427**	-1.6	***0.6***	na
Lafayette Parish										
School Board	199,111	171,298	226,779	179,023	231,528	215,903	**233,755**	7.9	***8.2***	na
Lafayette	139,182	118,556	155,012	116,444	160,604	151,728	**162,739**	11.4	***7.2***	na
Duson	4,870	1,782	1,775	2,235	3,427	4,551	**3,276**	7.8	***-28.1***	na
Carencro	4,602	3,504	3,407	3,583	6,250	5,489	**4,769**	43.2	***-13.2***	na
Youngsville	2,554	822	1,585	2,804	1,900	1,457	**2,368**	-13.2	***62.5***	na
Scott	3,138	2,995	15,161	4,297	5,518	5,421	**5,018**	-2.1	***-7.5***	na
Police Jury	44,269	43,392	52,452	39,414	53,257	48,819	**54,395**	2.3	***11.4***	na
Broussard	5,638	2,927	6,629	5,382	5,368	4,061	**6,327**	-24.2	***55.7***	na

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Lafourche Parish										
School Board	56,246	50,358	62,623	51,393	66,680	63,682	66,760	-3.1	4.8	na
Sales Tax Dist # 1	22,135	20,832	24,790	21,003	27,009	25,609	27,697	-1.2	8.1	na
Thibodaux	18,132	12,371	18,423	13,152	15,638	17,099	15,414	-14.8	-9.9	na
Lockport	978	1,282	2,189	1,438	2,501	1,984	2,065	10.9	4.0	na
School Board/Golden Meadow	1,931	1,227	1,643	1,374	2,343	1,930	1,594	-16.3	-17.5	na
Lasalle Parish										
School Board	14,183	12,954	15,825	10,910	16,639	16,173	13,945	-30.0	-13.8	na
Lincoln Parish										
School Board	34,235	25,406	34,017	22,789	33,987	32,002	38,213	-7.2	19.4	na
Police Jury	25,676	19,054	25,513	17,092	25,490	24,002	28,659	-7.2	19.4	na
Ruston	9,610	6,185	13,370	12,419	16,452	16,549	20,084	70.5	21.3	na
Dubach	626	919	771	865	831	589	538	-11.0	-8.7	na
Grambling	1,279	976	620	917	1,508	1,606	1,918	145.2	19.4	na
Livingston Parish										
School Board	82,382	99,925	141,103	97,547	136,015	132,533	132,643	-18.4	0.0	na
Denham Springs	5,666	7,129	12,023	8,916	11,423	8,814	12,283	-7.6	39.3	na
Livingston	796	482	866	628	2,650	1,186	1,440	92.2	21.4	na
Walker	1,302	1,955	2,728	2,233	2,940	3,767	3,169	1.0	-15.9	na
Albany	29	251	303	70	271	275	274	142.4	-0.4	na
Springfield	86	457	142	92	737	335	222	-46.4	-33.8	na
Madison Parish										
Sales Fund	8,655	8,214	13,001	5,805	12,148	12,415	14,367	25.9	15.7	na
Police Jury	2,885	2,738	4,334	1,935	4,049	4,138	4,789	25.8	15.7	na
Tallulah	2,011	2,079	2,863	2,111	3,267	3,263	4,702	36.2	44.1	na
Morehouse Parish										
School Board	22,505	21,589	26,802	18,800	31,280	28,794	22,958	-21.8	-20.3	na
Police Jury	na	na	na	na	na	na	11,479	na	-214.8	na
Bastrop	6,770	7,225	9,694	4,955	9,647	9,462	8,071	-3.7	-14.8	na
Mer Rouge	277	279	224	261	277	234	461	51.6	97.0	na
Natchitoches Parish										
School Board	26,314	18,085	31,769	18,916	30,240	25,813	32,845	15.8	27.2	na
Police Jury	20,172	13,369	21,358	14,538	21,493	18,483	24,333	14.1	31.6	na
Natchitoches	12,285	9,432	20,821	8,756	17,495	14,661	17,025	21.1	16.1	na
Campti	257	126	257	232	180	320	428	102.8	33.7	na
Robeline	na	na	0	0	0	67	80	na	19.4	na
Orleans Parish										
School Board	266,576	263,139	317,287	259,222	317,126	354,888	360,712	13.0	1.6	na
New Orleans	622,012	613,990	740,337	604,852	739,960	828,072	841,661	13.0	1.6	na
Ouachita Parish										
School Board	47,154	52,782	72,175	46,463	61,829	72,278	80,749	14.4	11.7	na
Police Jury	50,870	55,827	77,623	51.500	70,485	78,407	93,539	12.0	19.2	na
Monroe	83,040	100,300	125,285	72,940	98,326	122,094	128,151	19.6	4.9	na
West Monroe	15,181	14,403	24,916	18,319	20,662	25,915	25,037	16.8	-3.4	na
Sterlington	514	923	1,643	472	1,220	2,349	3,677	194.6	56.5	na
Plaquemine Parish										
Plaquemine	31,521	32,128	38,796	30,578	38,874	35,942	35,504	-0.5	-1.3	na
School Board	31,521	32,128	38,796	30,578	38,874	35,942	35,504	-0.5	-1.3	na
Pointe Coupee Parish										
Pointe Coupee	12,723	12,429	19,273	11,068	16,900	17,765	17,542	-8.1	-1.3	na
School Board	12,723	12,429	19,273	11,068	16,900	17,765	17,542	-8.1	-1.3	na
New Roads	2,404	2,942	2,912	1,840	2,970	3,191	3,599	1.2	12.7	na
Morganza	na	0	88	171	398	18	396	na	2,100.0	na
Livonia	na	0	0	0	10	306	795	na	159.8	na
Rapides Parish										
Parish Sales Fund	90,965	87,433	121,905	93,578	109,962	124,892	109,936	-16.7	-12.0	na
Parish (City) Sales Tax	31,994	37,813	42,242	25,645	34,335	40,629	35,866	-11.9	-11.8	na
Pineville	6,777	5,632	10,165	21,482	8,690	10,394	8,824	-17.5	-15.2	na
Glenmora	768	718	988	566	521	609	931	26.4	52.8	na
Red River Parish										
School Board	4,977	6,928	8,536	7,737	8,089	6,366	10,200	-7.8	60.2	na
Police Jury	4,977	6,928	8,536	7,737	8,089	6,366	10,200	-7.8	60.2	na
Coushatta	633	1,108	1,292	814	688	871	1,605	-13.4	84.2	na
Hall Summit	105	96	308	10	256	136	545	467.7	300.7	na
Richland Parish										
School Board	20,025	21,361	29,993	18,364	27,870	30,927	28,106	4.5	-9.2	na
Rayville	1,507	2,623	2,685	1,603	3,170	2,795	3,679	2.5	31.6	na
Mangham	237	399	136	285	252	568	426	131.5	-25.0	na
Delhi	1,321	803	991	1,1 65	1,335	1,256	1,236	15.0	-1.6	na
Sabine Parish										
School Board	19,138	16,266	22,283	17,832	21,675	21,805	22,844	-12.5	4.7	na
Police Jury	19,138	16,266	22,283	17,832	21,675	21,805	22,844	na	4.7	na
Many	1,954	811	2,474	2,872	2,499	2,165	2,352	-4.1	8.6	na
Pleasant Hill	75	133	155	242	124	130	440	254.8	238.4	na
Florien	143	397	179	330	1,125	201	45	-93.3	-77.7	na

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St Bernard Parish										
Parish Sales Tax	119,888	116,978	141,378	116,082	146,014	157,587	**154,394**	-11.5	***-2.1***	na
St Charles Parish										
School Board	59,494	55,186	67,772	51,517	73,503	80,366	**89,283**	26.0	***11.0***	na
Parish Council	29,747	27,593	33,886	25,758	36,752	40,183	**44,642**	26.0	***11.0***	na
St Helena Parish										
School Board	5,483	9,586	6,944	5,940	8,274	7,725	**7,078**	-45.4	***-8.4***	na
Parish Police Jury	5,483	9,586	6,944	5,940	8,274	7,725	**7,078**	na	***-8.4***	na
Greensburg	304	289	802	156	405	917	**100**	-85.6	***-89.1***	na
St James Parish										
School Board	23,707	28,599	28,981	31,367	28,681	34,491	**28,068**	-29.1	***-18.7***	na
Parish Council	11,548	13,948	13,550	13,613	13,259	15,610	**12,663**	-32.9	***-18.9***	na
Parish Council/Gramercy	158	178	417	710	825	1,252	**318**	-12.9	***-74.7***	na
Parish Council/Lutcher	147	173	524	1,360	257	383	**1,053**	86.3	***174.9***	na
Gramercy	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Lutcher	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
St John Parish										
School Board	51,880	45,006	64,705	53,275	60,029	78,974	**97,536**	29.9	***23.5***	na
Parish Council	na	5,626	8,088	6,659	7,504	9,872	**12,192**	na	***23.5***	na
St Landry Parish										
School Board	43,006	42,534	54,818	42,577	52,092	59,552	**58,854**	-4.2	***-1.2***	na
Solid Waste Commission	34,405	34,027	43,854	34,062	41,674	47,641	**47,083**	-4.2	***-1.2***	na
Opelousas	12,490	11,352	14,518	9,222	13,753	14,560	**15,745**	24.0	***8.1***	na
Arnaudville	1,300	528	740	599	698	1,870	**687**	-36.4	***-63.3***	na
Eunice	10,193	6,403	9,732	10,921	11,940	13,634	**12,851**	6.1	***-5.8***	na
Sunset	611	926	1,367	1,428	855	1,167	**1,469**	83.8	***25.8***	na
Port Barre	802	1,204	976	829	1,520	1,566	**619**	-80.4	***-60.5***	na
Cankton	10	64	0	6	71	93	**123**	1,950.0	***32.2***	na
Grand Coteau	185	443	580	193	340	323	**463**	56.9	***43.3***	na
Krotz Springs	316	542	303	376	1,120	1,139	**864**	-54.2	***-24.2***	na
Washington	566	655	313	318	410	928	**478**	-34.1	***-48.5***	na
Melville	282	526	566	336	1,007	619	**571**	-41.8	***-7.8***	na
St Martin Parish										
School Board	52,784	50,222	55,197	47,856	55,705	63,672	**71,134**	94.6	***11.7***	na
Arnaudville	0	0	0	2	99	193	**113**	-56.9	***-41.5***	na
Breaux Bridge	4,028	3,265	2,883	3,796	2,885	2,869	**4,172**	-37.8	***45.4***	na
Henderson	237	314	73	178	89	346	**115**	-72.7	***-66.8***	na
Martinville	3,672	3,656	3,904	2,386	3,472	3,736	**2,904**	-39.2	***-22.3***	na
Parks	837	0	0	269	194	203	**498**	-17.0	***145.3***	na
St Mary Parish										
Police Jury	77,067	87,762	89,537	69,837	95,097	100,980	**96,921**	-4.0	***-4.1***	na
School Board	41,836	47,642	48,606	37,912	51,624	54,818	**52,614**	-4.0	***-4.1***	na
Mosquito Control	5,043	5,825	5,856	4,439	6,179	6,715	**6,059**	1.5	***-9.8***	na
Wards 5,8	2,712	2,794	2,711	2,831	3,632	4,062	**3,501**	5.4	***-13.9***	na
Wards 1-4,7, & 10	3,095	3,898	4,207	2,753	4,039	4,263	**4,237**	-8.7	***-0.7***	na
St Tammany Parish										
School Board	263,992	248,506	330,627	235,112	290,379	307,275	**316,359**	-6.2	***2.9***	na
Covington	8,522	11,929	16,881	9,332	10,950	11,560	**14,083**	-20.6	***21.8***	na
Abita Springs	679	1,018	1,141	158	732	638	**1,289**	85.2	***102.0***	na
Folsum	794	975	394	619	658	425	**915**	30.7	***115.2***	na
Madisonville	1,001	604	928	398	342	676	**894**	64.6	***32.2***	na
Mandeville	10,317	6,608	9,673	6,714	8,964	9,831	**9,407**	-1.9	***-4.4***	na
Pearl River	936	2,170	1,203	1,638	1,622	907	**1,492**	-47.2	***64.4***	na
Slidell	24,562	22,063	23,351	23,944	24,868	28,375	**24,859**	-16.7	***-12.4***	na
Sun	5	2	31	95	93	110	**5**	-97.1	***-95.5***	na
Tangipahoa Parish										
School Board	88,505	127,558	150,414	118,270	141,596	153,989	**139,156**	-11.4	***-9,7***	na
Amite City	4,191	7,412	2,743	2,274	3,501	2,241	**1,923**	-52.6	***-14.2***	na
Hammond	11,701	10,784	19,050	20,730	15,472	15,952	**16,069**	-0.7	***0.7***	na
Independence	3,050	660	2,459	1,270	944	2,936	**1,215**	-45.0	***-58.7***	na
Ponchatoula	1,867	3,207	3,696	4,604	4,941	5,628	**4,600**	-13.1	***-18.3***	na
Roseland	1,071	949	584	294	624	652	**1,100**	155.2	***68.7***	na
Kentwood	970	637	1,392	1,219	2,692	1,161	**1,226**	8.0	***5.5***	na
Tangipahoa	0	0	66	0	17	120	**157**	30.8	***30.8***	na
Tickfaw	132	216	202	280	0	88	**0**	-100.0	***-100.0***	na
Tensas Parish										
School Board	4,165	5,615	6,942	3,733	6,183	6,744	**7,661**	34.4	***13.5***	na
Police Jury	4,165	5,615	6,942	3,733	6,183	6,744	**7,661**	34.4	***13.5***	na
Law Enforcement	na	1,404	1,735	933	1,546	1,686	**1,915**	na	***13.5***	na

Sales Tax Collections on New Cars and Trucks by Parish — Per Cent Change

								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**	Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Terrebonne Parish										
Sales Tax Fund (1%)	78,654	69,082	93,175	71,187	90,794	93,421	**98,039**	-5.0	***4.9***	na
Sales Tax Fund (3/4%)	58,990	51,811	69,881	53,390	68,096	70,066	**73,529**	-5.0	***4.9***	na
Sales Tax Fund (1/4%)	19,663	17,270	23,294	17,797	22,699	23,355	**24,510**	-5.0	***4.9***	na
Union Parish										
School Board	13,013	14,589	19,864	12,154	18,420	17,065	**17,234**	-12.1	***0.9***	na
Police Jury	13,013	14,589	19,864	12,154	18,420	17,065	**17,234**	-12.1	***0.9***	na
Farmerville	1,110	2,107	3,545	1,601	2,322	1,606	**2,211**	24.4	***37.6***	na
Bernice	957	591	738	1,313	917	1,041	**904**	-31.6	***-13.2***	na
Marion	113	215	541	353	1,136	600	**547**	-44.7	***-8.9***	na
Vermillion Parish										
School Board	34,095	35,259	40,549	34,515	43,101	46,402	**43,808**	2.7	***-5.6***	na
Police Jury	34,095	35,259	40,549	34,515	43,101	46,402	**43,808**	2.7	***-5.6***	na
Abbeville	6,117	6,172	5,820	6,042	7,665	7,106	**7,020**	3.0	***-1.3***	na
Delcambre	913	478	943	938	1,179	1,249	**949**	25.1	***-24.1***	na
Erath	1,012	330	1,413	440	1,157	1,011	**1,112**	-25.9	***9.9***	na
Kaplan	2,702	2,116	1,885	2,344	2,506	3,372	**2,885**	26.8	***-14.5***	na
Maurice	0	199	234	177	615	340	**869**	150.4	***155.5***	na
Gueydan	1,305	1,320	1,393	1,580	1,395	2,084	**1,106**	-32.5	***-47.0***	na
Vernon Parish										
School Board	42,667	39,738	50,643	32,748	53,270	61,785	**52,776**	-12.6	***-14.6***	na
Leesville	3,893	5,651	5,363	4,367	5,525	5,365	**5,046**	1.5	***-6.0***	na
Rosepine	174	294	429	235	163	134	**282**	-84.8	***110.4***	na
New Llano	418	497	792	497	441	800	**590**	-39.7	***-26.3***	na
Hornbeck	0	64	7	415	114	313	**93**	0.0	***-70.3***	na
Washington Parish										
School Board	23,927	23,506	34,588	26,165	38,780	36,398	**38,574**	-4.9	***5.9***	na
Bogalusa School Board	11,731	11,316	17,511	12,935	18,964	19,252	**19,323**	-6.3	***0.3***	na
Franklinton	1,196	1,681	2,504	1,219	2,454	1,567	**2,680**	11.9	***71.0***	na
Bogalusa	13,756	11,602	22,435	15,954	21,805	24,687	**27,222**	12.8	***10.2***	na
Angie	0	94	33	28	0	799	**232**	-35.4	***-71.0***	na
Ward 4	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Webster Parish										
School Board	47,870	47,995	63,945	36,576	53,200	64,121	**63,907**	34.6	***-0.4***	na
Minden	10,799	8,365	17,218	10,162	16,626	17,951	**24,440**	101.6	***36.1***	na
Cotton Valley	448	685	517	857	1,186	1,332	**624**	-48.8	***-53.2***	na
Springhill	3,684	4,602	4,565	4,367	3,460	6,196	**4,816**	-31.1	***-22.3***	na
Cullen	833	636	934	458	519	1,199	**661**	12.7	***-44.9***	na
Sarepta	583	236	337	364	858	909	**819**	-28.4	***-10.0***	na
Sibley	1,403	508	1,268	282	1,211	805	**574**	-21.5	***-28.7***	na
Dixie Inn	0	101	281	4	225	276	**200**	156.4	***-27.6***	na
West Baton Rouge Parish										
West Baton Rouge	12,220	13,740	14,818	11,364	16,012	16,916	**19,488**	-1.0	***15.2***	na
School Board	12,220	13,740	14,818	11,364	16,012	16,916	**19,489**	-1.0	***15.2***	na
Dististrict # 1	na	na	11,683	11,316	15,809	16,903	**19,469**	na	***15.1***	na
Port Allen	4,136	5,081	3,162	48	203	13	**19**	-99.7	***46.1***	na
West Carroll Parish										
School Board	7,561	7,469	10,200	6,485	9,677	9,719	**8,996**	3.5	***-7.5***	na
Oak Grove	907	409	853	947	888	1,012	**1,118**	-13.1	***10.4***	na
West Feliciana Parish										
School Board	15,465	16,685	16,976	15,615	13,574	12,735	**18,547**	-21.9	***45.6***	na
Police Jury	na	4,171	4,244	3,904	6,787	6,367	**9,274**	na	***45.6***	na
St Francisville	1,705	1,759	2,436	1,619	1,429	735	**1,342**	-45.1	***82.5***	na
Winn Parish										
School Board	10,951	10,254	13,237	10,859	16,852	15,727	**14,548**	-27.4	***-7.5***	na
Winnfield	4,498	2,850	6,307	4,204	4,055	7,668	**4,461**	-53.7	***-41.9***	na
St Landry Parish										
School Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
Melville	0	0	0		0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	na
State Total	na	na	na	na	na	na	**na**	na	***na***	na

Economic Indicators: United States — Per Cent Change

								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	**Month**	
Producer Price Indexes	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**			
Finished Goods	292.3	292.4	292.1	292.5	292.4	293.1	**294.2**	0.9	***0.3***	1.3
Finished Consumer Goods	291.2	291.3	290.6	290.7	290.4	291.2	**292.6**	0.6	***0.4***	1.1
Intermediate Materials	320.4	319.8	319.5	318.6	318.6	319.4	**319.9**	-0.3	***0.1***	1.1
Crude Materials	323.2	323.1	318.9	318.3	312.9	311.3	**310.0**	-8.5	***-0.5***	-2.6
Consumer Price Indexes	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
All Items	315.3	315.3	315.5	316.1	317.4	318.8	**320.1**	3.6	***0.4***	3.9
Food and Beverages	296.6	296.3	297.2	299.3	301.4	301.6	**301.6**	2.4	***0.0***	3.2
Housing	341.2	340.9	341.2	342.0	343.6	344.7	**345.9**	3.8	***0.3***	4.1
Apparel and Upkeep	205.7	205.2	203.2	199.8	201.8	205.3	**205.9**	3.3	***0.2***	2.0
Transportation	315.5	316.1	315.8	314.7	314.3	316.7	**320.0**	3.3	***1.0***	3.5
Medical Care	385.5	387.5	388.5	391.1	393.8	396.5	**398.0**	5.9	***0.3***	6.0
Entertainment	258.3	259.0	260.1	261.0	261.3	262.2	**263.3**	3.7	***0.4***	3.9
Industrial Production Indexes	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**			
Total Index	164.8	164.8	165.1	165.4	165.9	165.5	**165.3**	1.5	***-0.2***	5.8
Energy	142.7	142.3	143.1	146.3	146.4	146.1	**147.1**	2.6	***0.6***	2.9
Durable Consumer Goods	161.5	161.0	160.5	162.5	164.6	161.9	**161.6**	0.1	***-0.2***	2.3
Nondurable Consumer Goods	163.0	162.7	162.8	162.0	161.9	162.6	**162.7**	0.5	***0.0***	3.1
Business Equipment	188.4	189.6	189.2	188.4	188.0	187.8	**187.1**	6.0	***-0.4***	13.6
Defense and Space Equipment	142.2	144.7	145.8	145.4	147.8	149.5	**149.9**	12.6	***0.2***	13.5
Construction Supplies	156.9	157.5	156.9	156.8	157.8	158.7	**159.1**	-0.3	***0.2***	3.8
Business Supplies	189.2	188.8	188.4	189.3	190.1	189.0	**na**	na	***na***	na
Durable Goods Materials	162.3	161.0	161.6	161.8	162.1	161.6	**160.4**	-0.8	***-0.8***	7.3
Nondurable Goods Materials	181.9	180.4	180.6	181.7	182.1	181.1	**180.4**	-3.8	***-0.4***	0.3
Energy Materials	129.4	131.1	133.3	135.8	136.3	135.6	**135.4**	2.6	***-0.2***	3.3
Home Goods and Clothing	137.2	136.7	134.8	136.0	136.9	135.4	**133.4**	-4.6	***-1.5***	0.2
General Business Activity	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Index of 12 Leading Indicators	164.2	165.3	164.3	166.4	167.6	167.7	**167.4**	-0.5	***-0.2***	2.5
Index of 4 Roughly Coincident Indicator	156.1	157.2	158.3	157.7	157.8	158.4	**158.6**	3.9	***0.1***	7.8
Index Of 6 Lagging Indicators	122.3	122.1	122.5	124.6	125.5	126.5	**126.0**	9.9	***-0.4***	10.0
Index of Coincident to Lagging Ratio	127.6	128.7	129.2	126.6	125.7	125.2	**125.9**	-5.5	***0.5***	-2.1
Total Retail Trade Sales	109,550	113,543	132,262	98,817	95,585	110,167	**112,346**	7.3	***1.9***	7.8
Finance	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Yield On 3-Month Federal Sec	9.97	8.79	8.16	7.76	8.22	8.57	**8.00**	-17.5	***-6.7***	2.1
Yield on State & Local Bonds	10.25	10.17	9.95	9.51	9.65	9.77	**9.42**	-1.3	***-3.6***	11.3
Average Yield on Corporate Bonds	12.63	12.29	12.13	12.08	12.13	12.56	**12.23**	-10.1	***-2.7***	-2.1
M1:Currency + Demand Dps. ($Bil)	548.3	553.8	558.5	562.7	569.4	572.1	**574.9**	6.6	***0.4***	6.2
M2:M1 + Other Checkable Dps. ($Bil)	2,319.3	2,346.3	2,371.7	2,398.9	2,421.0	2,429.2	**2,427.5**	8.3	***-0.1***	7.8
Bank Debits ($ Bil)	142,907.2	134,016.3	137,512.0	140,678.6	143,281.5	139,608.3	**154,410.2**	19.4	***10.6***	17.3
Credit Union Deposits ($ Bil)	57.7	58.3	58.3	59.0	59.4	60.2	**na**	na	***na***	na
Savings & Loan Deposits ($ Bil)	701.5	712.2	717.7	725.0	725.3	724.5	**na**	na	***na***	na
Commercial Bank Deposits ($ Bil)	1,414.0	1,431.0	1,441.1	1,488.6	1,462.9	1,472.2	**na**	na	***na***	na
Employment Statistics (Mil)	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**			
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	177.1	177.3	177.4	177.5	177.7	177.8	**177.9**	1.0	***0.0***	1.1
Civilian Labor Force	114.1	114.5	114.9	115.1	115.5	115.4	**115.4**	1.4	***0.0***	1.8
Percent of Population	64.4	64.6	64.8	64.8	65.0	64.9	**64.8**	0.3	***-0.2***	0.6
Employed	105.9	106.3	106.4	106.7	107.1	106.9	**107.0**	1.7	***0.0***	3.2
Employment-Population Ratio	59.8	59.9	60.0	60.1	60.3	60.1	**60.1**	0.6	***0.0***	2.0
Unemployed	8.1	8.2	8.5	8.4	8.4	8.4	**8.4**	-2.4	***0.0***	-13.0
Unemployment Rate	7.1	7.2	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.3	**7.3**	-2.7	***0.0***	-14.5
Life Insurance Statistics	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**			
Annualized Premium ($ Mil)	463.0	444.1	609.4	441.7	431.6	488.3	**473.5**	15.5	***-3.1***	17.0
Face Amount ($ Bil)	44.8	42.6	52.7	40.9	40.7	45.6	**46.3**	12.3	***1.5***	10.0
Premium Per $1,000	10.34	10.42	11.57	10.79	10.60	10.71	**10.23**	2.7	***-4.5***	6.4
Average Policy Size ($ 000)	51.8	53.8	59.2	58.9	55.5	55.1	**55.3**	10.3	***0.3***	12.1
Premium Per Policy	535	561	685	636	588	591	**565**	13.2	***-4.4***	19.3
No. Of Ordinary Life Insurance Policies	865.6	792.3	890.0	694.2	733.6	826.8	**837.5**	1.9	***1.2***	-1.9
Energy Summary (QUADs)	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	**Feb 85**			
Energy Production	5.83	5.39	5.28	5.16	5.32	5.63	**5.19**	-3.2	***-7.9***	5.3
Energy Consumption	6.11	5.60	5.86	6.13	6.55	7.41	**6.44**	4.3	***-13.1***	3.2
Energy Imports	1.00	1.00	1.15	1.08	1.02	0.93	**0.77**	-26.7	***-17.3***	-1.7
Energy Exports	0.36	0.36	0.30	0.27	0.36	0.31	**0.31**	40.9	***0.0***	9.9
Net Imports	0.64	0.64	0.85	0.81	0.66	0.62	**0.47**	-43.4	***-24.2***	-6.4

Louisiana Tourist Traffic Data - Visitors To Selected Tourist Attractions Per Cent Change

								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**	Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
Audubon State Commemorative Area	6,294	5,552	4,782	5,286	13,538	11,012	**10,196**	-5.9	***-7.5***	-10.5
Camp Moore State Commemorative Area	382	355	179	286	558	493	**485**	-23.9	***-1.7***	-10.8
Chemin-A-Haut State Park	2,654	2,051	1,251	2,020	3,522	3,821	**4,648**	-16.8	***21.6***	11.3
Chicot State Park	20,098	29,870	21,970	22,526	34,888	32,417	**43,057**	-32.5	***32.8***	-22.9
Cypremort Point State Park	2,974	2,741	923	2,150	8,342	19,686	**29,600**	82.0	***50.3***	71.7
Edward Douglass White Memorial	24	17	5	38	79	183	**230**	-51.0	***25.6***	-30.8
Fairview-Riverside State Park	13,301	10,340	10,606	13,308	21,750	25,175	**23,861**	-17.6	***-5.3***	3.1
Fontainbleau State Park	18,712	25,066	25,090	16,340	28,222	32,284	**51,066**	-42.6	***58.1***	58.3
Fort Jesup State Commemorative Area	5,538	6,588	4,932	3,042	2,670	4,146	**2,134**	-49.5	***-48.6***	-8.2
Fort Pike State Commemorative Area	23,640	6,352	7,000	9,000	24,506	20,744	**36,764**	-14.7	***77.2***	37.2
Fort St. Jean Baptiste	1,679	3,129	1,274	1,132	1,976	2,879	**3,958**	-6.2	***37.4***	73.7
Grand Isle State Park	324	190	301	282	0	25,924	**33,120**	19,614.2	***27.7***	-50.4
Hodges Gardens	1,083	0	205	228	6,861	12,862	**7,069**	-1.0	***-45.1***	-5.8
Indian Creek Recreational Area	2,606	1,813	859	1,598	12,475	16,982	**27,024**	13.9	***59.1***	2.7
Lake Bistineau State Park	4,674	3,889	4,085	3,991	13,618	17,514	**19,789**	13.5	***12.9***	11.6
Lake Bruin State Park	3,288	2,764	4,624	3,294	7,754	10,590	**14,612**	61.2	***37.9***	117.3
Lake Claiborne State Park	5,095	2,950	1,312	1,510	6,840	10,992	**38,500**	11.5	***250.2***	-3.8
Lake D'Arbonne State Park	1,525	1,481	1,474	1,376	3,002	3,298	**3,965**	-40.0	***20.2***	-3.3
Longfellow-Evangeline State Park	9,474	10,044	7,794	6,946	13,176	16,340	**14,118**	-27.9	***-13.6***	-17.9
Los Adeas	570	604	495	368	640	637	**332**	232.0	***-47.9***	629.0
Louisiana State Exhibit Museum, Shrevep	15,200	6,100	7,100	10,100	21,300	23,600	**28,200**	-23.0	***19.4***	-26.7
Louisiana State Museum, New Orleans	31,247	3,382	4,863	5,842	7,530	9,596	**11,281**	-77.5	***17.5***	112.4
Louisiana State Fairgrounds	24,675	64,050	36,360	130,250	38,625	28,540	**51,840**	-6.3	***81.6***	-24.1
Mansfield State Commemorative Area	1,920	2,150	2,069	2,685	3,500	36,502	**7,373**	79.1	***-79.9***	109.2
Old Arsenal Museum	2,537	2,988	1,304	2,069	3,098	3,464	**5,594**	-33.8	***61.4***	-28.0
Marksville State Commemorative Area	4,836	3,661	3,541	4,843	4,595	6,405	**7,938**	-55.8	***23.9***	32.3
Old State Capitol	2,727	1,303	484	746	1,941	2,275	**na**	na	***na***	na
Plaquemine Locks	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	-100.0	***0.0***	-57.5
Poverty Point State Commemorative Area	3,850	2,413	2,127	2,259	5,114	6,644	**14,947**	98.7	***124.9***	41.3
Rebel State Commemorative Area	1,129	1,221	1,173	1,041	1,459	2,137	**2,352**	0.5	***10.0***	1.9
St. Bernard State Park	10,394	7,812	9,858	12,792	27,575	36,478	**26,786**	-1.8	***-26.6***	139.1
Sam Houston Jones State Park	19,284	28,764	17,977	21,661	37,842	38,409	**30,196**	-52.7	***-21.4***	-6.1
Winter Quarters State Commemorative Are	0	56	62	19	86	159	**216**	44.9	***35.8***	39.5

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	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**			
Greenwood*	8,452	6,848	5,085	3,812	7,416	11,124	**15,182**	-17.0	***36.4***	5.6
Kentwood (I-55)*	7,215	3,461	2,923	3,196	4,921	5,662	**7,345**	-60.9	***29.7***	57.6
Louisiana State Capitol*	11,285	7,314	7,435	6,181	12,778	23,553	**27,332**	-17.1	***16.0***	-9.4
Mound Center (I-20 W)*	8,571	7,721	4,231	4,119	7,437	10,776	**13,540**	8.2	***25.6***	1.8
New Orleans*	5,608	2,879	3,500	5,045	8,893	10,451	**4,108**	-72.6	***-60.7***	-4.8
Pearl River (I-59)	39,077	27,001	19,555	28,568	38,435	30,571	**29,554**	-52.3	***-3.4***	-27.6
St. Francisville*	2,392	1,104	1,125	1,149	2,568	3,655	**3,739**	-18.4	***2.2***	14.8
Slidell (I-10 W)	69,405	63,677	57,929	78,079	84,010	77,363	**78,359**	-14.0	***1.2***	44.0
Toledo Bend*	1,025	731	483	569	1,744	2,697	**2,697**	-4.1	***0.0***	-9.0
Vidalia*	1,400	886	795	804	2,047	2,110	**2,338**	16.7	***10.8***	21.2
Vinton (I-10 E)*	18,099	18,287	17,550	20,043	28,591	24,799	**24,048**	-42.0	***-3.1***	9.2

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The Division Economic Report

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United States

The U.S. economy was sluggish during the first half of 1985. Revised estimates indicate that the real Gross National Product (GNP) grew at an annual rate of 2 percent during the second quarter following a 0.3 percent growth in the previous quarter. Most economists expect the national economy to grow in the 3 to 3.5 percent range for the rest of the year.

The Federal Reserve Board's Index of Industrial Production increased two-tenths of one percent in July following a gain of three tenths of one percent in June. This represents a moderate recovery for the manufacturing sector, although the industrial production index was only 1.4 percent above the level in July 1984. Seasonally adjusted retail sales increased four-tenths of one percent in July, following a revised 1.4 percent drop in June. Total housing starts declined 2.4 percent in July, although the recent drop in interest rates was expected to stimulate housing construction.

The U.S. civilian unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) was 7.3 percent in July, unchanged since the fall of 1984. Total civilian employment increased one half of one percent since June and increased 1.4 percent since July 1984.

The U.S. Leading Economic Indicator increased 1 percent in June following an increase of one tenth of one percent in May. The gain in the index was the biggest since January, suggesting an optimistic outlook for the U.S. economy for the rest of the year.

Inflation continues to remain under control. The Consumer Price Index increased at a 3.8 percent annual rate in June and the Producer Price Index was unchanged. Interest rates during the second week of August were generally higher than a month ago. The prime rate remained at 9.5 percent during the first half of August. The federal funds rates, which is the rate charged by banks to other banks for the use of their reserves, was 8.02 percent compared with 7.58 percent the previous month. The interest on AAA Corporate Bonds also increased moderately. The interest rates are expected to increase slightly in the future which might inhibit the economic activities in the coming months.

Louisiana

The Louisiana economy improved moderately in June. The seasonally adjusted total employment increased 0.85 percent in June, although the employment was still 1.4 percent below the level of June 1984. The unemployment rate, also seasonally adjusted, was 11.2 percent in both May and June. Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 5,800 workers in June. The gain in employment was primarily in construction, nondurables manufacturing, trade and services. Construction employment was aided by general building construction and heavy construction. Trade employment grew primarily due to increased hiring in the retail trade sector. The employment in the services sector grew in the areas of health services. Mining, transportation and public utilities and the government sector experienced declining employment in June.

The Louisiana Economic Indicator (LEI) increased slightly in june, following declines during the past several months. The gain in the leading indicator was restrained due to a downturn in the component predicting mining activities. The components predicting manufacturing and construction activities increased in June. This suggests that the Louisiana economy should improve moderately in the next six to nine months.

General state sales collections reported in June were 1.1 percent higher than in May 1985 and 25.4 percent higher than in June 1984. The value of construction contracts was 2.7 percent higher than in May and 15.3 percent lower than in June 1984. New car and truck sales were 9 percent lower in July compared to June and 3 percent higher compared with July 1984. Crude runs to stills in May were 2.8 percent higher than in April and 3.3 percent lower than in May 1984. Comparing the latest twelve months with the prior twelve months, general sales taxes were 33.9 percent higher in the current period, primarily due to the increase in the sales tax rate. The price of the construction contracts was 1.6 percent lower and crude runs to stills were 2.6 percent lower. New car sales declined 2.1 percent and new truck sales increased 3.9 percent. The general outlook for the economy suggests that certain sectors of the economy such

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as construction, trade and services should continue to improve moderately in the near term. No significant improvement is anticipated in some of the major sectors such as mining, petrochemicals and petroleum refining.

Metropolitan Areas

Table 1 shows the latest trends in employment and unemployment rates in Louisiana and its metropolitan areas. Shreveport had the lowest unemployment rate while Lake Charles continued to have the highest rate. The national ranking in column 5 of Table 1 shows that areas with higher unemployment rates had a higher ranking and vice versa. The ranking of 31 for Baton Rouge, according to unrevised June 1985 data, means 209 metro areas in the nation had lower unemployment rates and 30 had higher unemployment rates. Shreveport was ranked 76 and Lafayette was ranked 51. New Orleans was ranked 17 and Houma/Thibodaux was ranked 26. Lake Charles had the fifth highest unemployment rate among the 240 metropolitan areas of the country. All metropolitan areas in Louisiana fell in the ranking, reflecting a relative improvement in their unemployment rates.

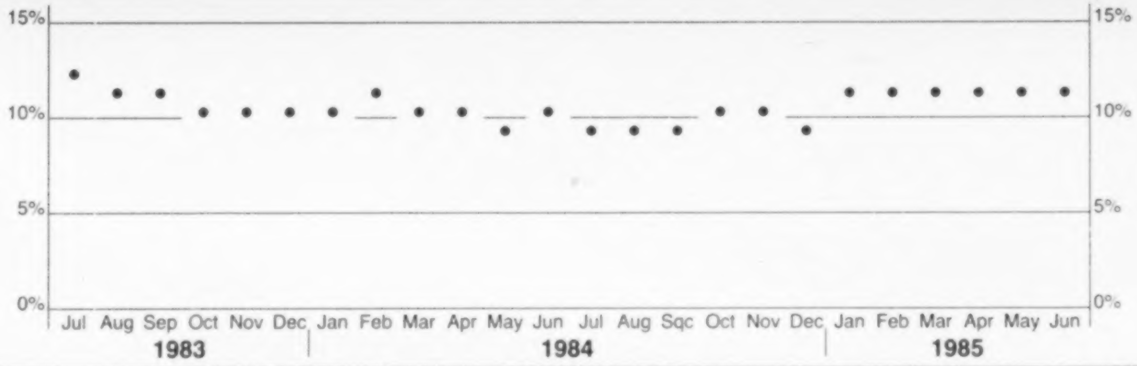
Comparing June 1985 with June 1984, the total employment in most metropolitan areas declined in 1985. However, Baton Rouge had the greatest absolute increase in nonagricultural wage and salary employment (1,600) since June 1984, although the gain was less than in the previous months. The gains in Baton Rouge wage and salary employment were mainly in construction (7%); transportation and public utilities (3.8%); retail trade (2.2%); finance, insurance and real estate (2.2%); and services (1.5%).

Table 3 shows the preliminary data for these new leading indicators of New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Shreveport. The New Orleans Leading Indicator increased four-tenths of one percent in June following a smaller increase in May. This suggests that the metropolitan economy should improve in the next few months. The Baton Rouge leading indicator increased four tenths of one percent following a gain of three-tenths of one percent in May. This also suggests a moderate turnaround for the local economy within the next six to nine months. The Shreveport leading indicator was unchanged in June after declining for the past several months. This suggests a likely improvement for the Shreveport economy, but the recent AT&T layoffs could dampen the prospects of the metropolitan economy.

The metropolitan leading economic indicators are still in the experimental stage and we hope to refine them as more data becomes available.

The Louisiana Economic Indicator has been abbreviated for this month because of budgetary constraints and other technical problems. The August 1985 issue will contain all of the standard statistical tables.

Louisiana Unemployment Rate



United States Unemployment Rate

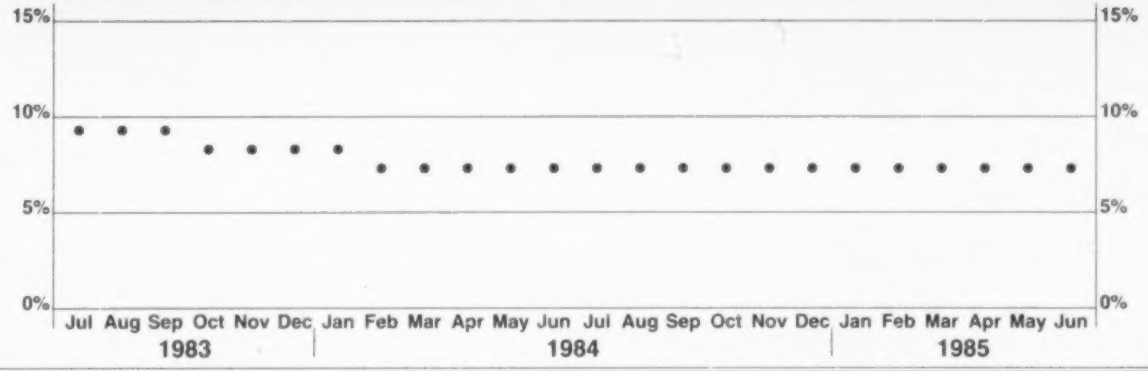


Table 1

Data on Louisiana Metropolitan Areas

State/Metro Areas	Unemployment Rate 6/85 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Unemployment Rate 5/85 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Unemployment Rate 6/84 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Ranking by Unadjusted Unemployment Rates Among 51 States and 240 Metro Areas 6/85*	% Change in Number of Persons Employed 6/84-6/85
Louisiana	11.5%	11.2%	11.2%	11.2%	10.0%	9.7%	2**	-1.4%
Alexandria	9.2%	9.0%	8.8%	9.1%	7.8%	7.7%	49	0.5%
Baton Rouge	10.4%	9.9%	9.8%	9.8%	8.7%	8.0%	31	-0.3%
Houma/Thibodaux	10.8%	na	10.7%	na	10.0%	na	26	0.3%
Lafayette	9.1%	8.7%	8.8%	8.7%	8.2%	7.8%	51	-3.3%
Lake Charles	14.7%	14.4%	14.6%	14.5%	14.1%	13.8%	5	-5.1%
Monroe	9.4%	9.3%	9.4%	9.4%	9.5%	9.3%	45	-0.2%
New Orleans	11.7%	11.5%	11.7%	11.6%	9.3%	9.1%	17	-4.0%
Shreveport	8.2%	8.2%	7.8%	8.1%	7.4%	7.4%	76	-0.9%

*Ranked from highest unemployment rate to lowest unemployment rate. The metropolitan area with the highest unemployment rate is ranked number 1 and the area with the lowest unemployment rate is ranked number 240.

**Louisiana 's rank among the 51 states.

United States Index of 12-Leading Indicators

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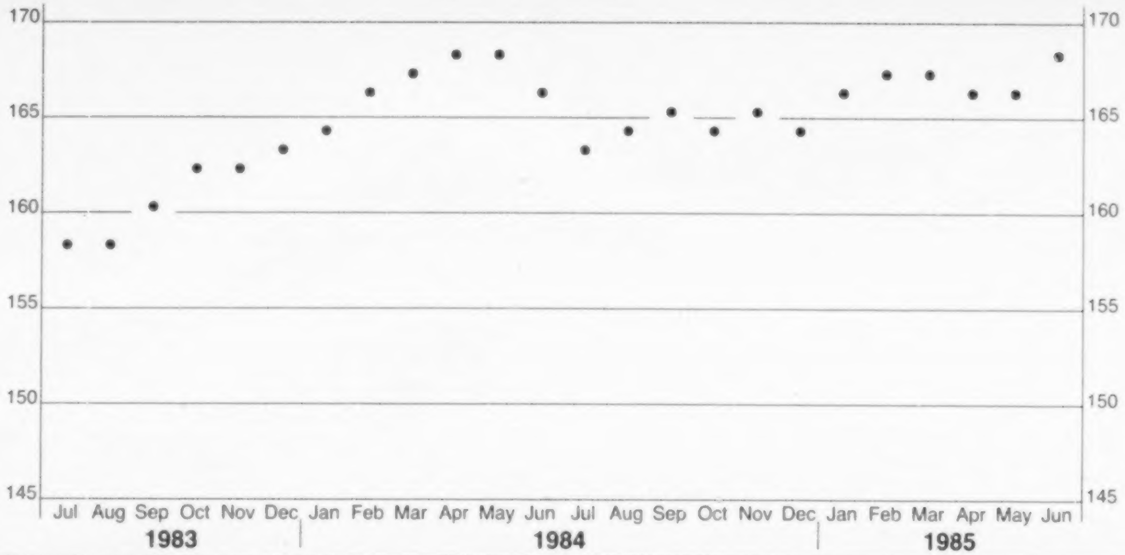

Louisiana Leading Economic Indicator

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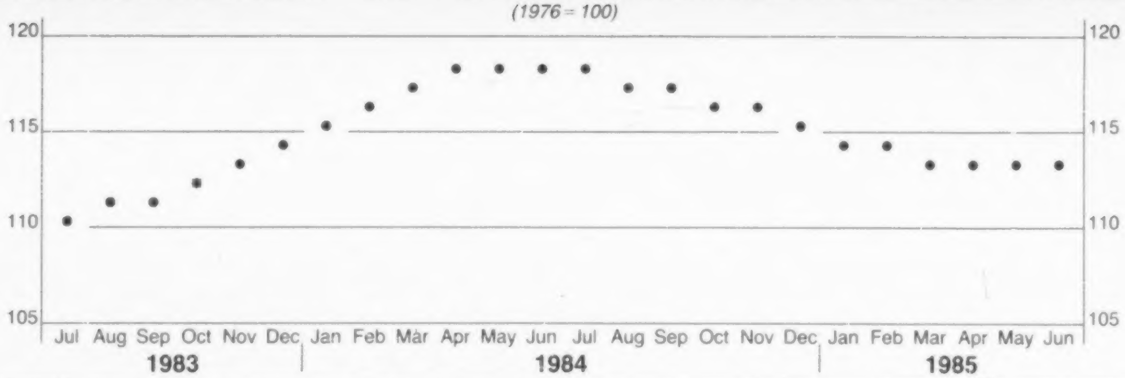

Table 2

	Unemployment Rate						Leading Indicators					
	Louisiana			United States			Louisiana 1976 = 100			United States 1967 = 100		
Month	**1983**	**1984**	**1985**	**1983**	**1984**	**1985**	**1983**	**1984**	**1985**	**1983**	**1984**	**1985**
Jan	11.8	**10.9**	11.4	10.4	**8.0**	7.4	106.9	**115.5**	114.9	145.2	**164.5**	166.3
Feb	12.7	**11.0**	11.9	10.2	**7.8**	7.3	107.1	**116.7**	114.2	147.4	**166.5**	167.7
Mar	12.4	**10.4**	11.9	10.2	**7.8**	7.3	107.4	**117.7**	113.8	150.2	**167.2**	167.6
Apr	12.2	**10.0**	11.4	10.2	**7.8**	7.3	108.0	**118.3**	113.5	152.5	**168.1**	166.7
May	12.7	**9.9**	11.2	10.1	**7.5**	7.3	108.7	**118.4**	113.4	154.4	**168.2**	166.9
Jun	12.5	**10.0**	11.5	10.0	**7.2**	7.3	109.6	**118.4**	113.4	157.3	**166.7**	168.5
Jul	12.1	**9.4**	na	9.5	**7.5**	7.3	110.4	**118.3**	na	158.2	**163.9**	na
Aug	11.7	**9.4**		9.5	**7.5**		111.0	**117.9**		158.9	**164.4**	
Sep	11.1	**9.5**		9.1	**7.4**		111.6	**117.5**		160.0	**165.7**	
Oct	10.5	**10.0**		8.8	**7.3**		112.3	**116.9**		162.4	**164.2**	
Nov	10.7	**10.2**		8.4	**7.1**		113.1	**116.2**		162.5	**165.2**	
Dec	10.3	**9.8**		8.2	**7.2**		114.2	**115.5**		163.4	**164.1**	

Economic Indicators: Louisiana State

Per Cent Change

								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	Compared With Prior 12 Months
■ Employment & Wage Statistics		Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	**Jun 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		1,916.1	1,919.7	1,935.5	1,932.2	1,947.9	**1,981.4**	11.3	***1.7***	2.1
Total Employed (000)		1,696.9	1,690.5	1,705.0	1,712.6	1,729.1	**1,754.5**	-1.4	***1.4***	1.3
Non-Agricultural Employment (000)										
Non-Agricultural		1,587.8	1,584.7	1,588.5	1,586.7	1,590.7	**1,596.5**	-1.0	***0.3***	0.5
Wholesale And Retail Trade		381.2	377.8	379.9	380.0	379.0	**381.5**	-1.1	***0.6***	0.7
Government		321.1	327.2	328.3	327.6	328.2	**324.8**	2.0	***-1.1***	1.4
Services		311.2	313.0	312.6	313.4	314.0	**317.6**	0.9	***1.1***	1.4
Manufacturing		181.3	179.1	179.2	179.1	179.8	**180.5**	-2.0	***0.3***	0.9
Transportation & Public Utilities		118.3	117.3	116.8	116.3	116.5	**116.3**	-2.7	***-0.2***	-0.3
Construction		110.2	106.9	108.2	108.1	110.3	**112.7**	-9.0	***2.1***	-5.6
Finance. Ins. And Re		83.1	83.2	83.5	83.7	83.8	**84.3**	0.5	***0.5***	0.5
Mining		81.4	80.2	80.0	79.2	79.1	**78.8**	-3.6	***-0.4***	-0.6
Total Unemployed (000)		219.2	229.2	230.5	219.6	218.8	**226.9**	14.3	***3.7***	0.3
Unemployment Rate		11.4	11.9	11.9	11.4	11.2	**11.5**	15.0	***2.6***	-0.8
Unemployment Benefits (000 Weeks)		304.3	269.1	277.5	270.0	276.5	**233.2**	9.7	***-15.7***	-8.1
Unemployment Benefits ($ Mil)		45.0	39.3	40.4	39.6	40.3	**34.0**	8.9	***-15.7***	-10.7
Average Weekly Mfg Hours		41.2	41.5	41.4	41.0	41.2	**41.6**	-0.3	***0.9***	1.1
Average Weekly Mfg Earnings	$	423.54	427.87	428.08	428.45	434.66	**426.82**	2.6	***-1.9***	4.2
New Claims (000)		43.9	32.6	36.0	29.2	26.9	**36.7**	11.8	***36.4***	-12.2
Exhaustions (000)		7.4	6.1	6.6	7.0	8.2	**6.2**	0.0	***-24.4***	-20.9
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Number of Recipients		279,915	247,224	256.004	250,063	256,869	**216,892**	11.0	***-15.6***	na
Benefits Paid	$	40,705,566	35,448,013	36,651,131	36,157,957	36,888,485	**31,180,739**	10.2	***-15.5***	na
Federal Employees										
Number of Recipients		1,258	1,038	1,003	985	1,157	**1,020**	-4.1	***-11.9***	na
Benefits Paid	$	165,720	134,905	124,498	123,511	148,926	**129,841**	1.6	***-12.9***	na
Ex-Servicemen										
Number of Recipients		1,851	1,405	1,467	1,380	1,415	**1,157**	-12.4	***-18.3***	na
Benefits Paid	$	274,147	205,896	217,767	204,696	217,535	**181,072**	-7.3	***-16.8***	na
■ Retail Trade ($ Mil)		Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**			
Total Retail Sales		2,156	1,560	1,467	1,788	1,780	**1,893**	2.2	***6.3***	3.2
Total Department Stores Sales		314	131	126	181	178	**187**	0.0	***5.0***	5.1
■ Revenue Collections	$	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	**Jun 85**			
Alcoholic Beverages										
Liquor & Wine Tax		2,577,623	1,376,139	1,358,841	1,368,342	1,452,914	**1,681,557**	-2.7	***15.7***	-3.8
Beer Tax, State		2,463,256	1,977,574	2,579,866	2,471,501	3,161,910	**3,636,245**	3.1	***15.0***	-0.8
Retail Alcoholic Beverage		1,808,681	1,349,190	1,813,221	1,721,262	1,517,934	**1,344,620**	na	***-11.5***	na
Corporation Franchise Tax		4,246,084	4,478,588	7,984,315	6,639,576	130,786,945	**8,962,239**	285.0	***-93.2***	68.3
Gift		106,428	56,031	214,752	1,389,558	121,320	**75,892**	-8.7	***-37.5***	20.4
Hazardous Waste		1,598,493	4,986	18,090	825,547	-23,405	**43,758**	na	***-286.9***	na
Income										
Corporation Income Tax		3,011,987	2,001,967	13,620,215	42,168,227	57,781,702	**45,011,307**	16.2	***-22.2***	6.6
Individual Income Tax		61,766,780	20,733,303	20,351,936	54,377,877	83,391,212	**39,858,596**	16.7	***-52.3***	30.7
Inheritance & Estate Transfer		2,380,725	2,051,515	3,349,715	2,277,655	2,445,270	**2,194,029**	-38.8	***-10.3***	-17.9
Natural Resources										
General Severance Tax		63,483,832	68,334,430	58,037,393	57,075,451	64,355,608	**58,327,169**	-12.7	***-9.4***	-14.1
Reforestation Severance		39,091	5,735	5,958	4,895	5,171	**na**	na	***na***	na
Occupation License		19,858	34,840	12,574	2,376	53,184	**8,387**	-37.3	***-84.3***	-57.9
Petroleum Products										
Gasoline Tax		26,875,556	24,436,112	26,174,971	22,951,312	27,099,618	**25,749,757**	75.8	***-5.0***	84.8
Inspection Fee (Gasoline)		52,113	61,890	62,074	46,416	85,356	**62,140**	-5.2	***-27.2***	-1.1
Special Fuels		5,087,449	4,487,363	3,597,827	5,169,339	4,915,143	**3,572,941**	30.5	***-27.4***	82.1
Public Utilities & Carriers										
Inspection & Superision Fee		673,778	57,240	6,814	29,537	7,873	**7,537**	-67.8	***-4.3***	9.6
Natural Gas Franchise		618,386	1,832,522	561,907	239,474	2,499,627	**510,704**	350.5	***-79.6***	2.5
Transportation & Communication		1,723,347	5,794,573	48,868	756,715	6,512,554	**26,407**	11.1	***-99.6***	10.8
Louisiana General Sales tax		110,736,120	79,068,821	72,477,192	91,894,305	86.926,567	**87,957,946**	25.4	***1.1***	-94.9
Soft Drink		945,389	704,855	791,003	894,967	940,211	**756,612**	-25.6	***-19.6***	3.3
Soft Drink Permit		560	245	35	110	120	**263,965**	800.5	***19,870.8***	687.4
Tobacco		8,533,793	5,697,858	6,632,726	7,201,934	7,206,143	**7,170.844**	20.0	***-0.5***	40.4
Tobacco Permit		300	145	25	25	65	**35**	40.0	***-46.2***	-5.2
Unclaimed Property		18,918	7,136	25,378	119,415	1,187,588	**24,950**	-87.3	***-97.9***	16.4
Other Taxes										
Beer Parishes & Municipalities		425,697	299,983	380,037	516,159	320,520	**543,505**	-2.4	***69.5***	-0.9
LA Stadium & Exposition District		891,676	606,594	678,909	1,071,296	1,128,454	**831,892**	-7.0	***-26.3***	38.2
New Orleans Exhibition Hall		360,736	253,173	258,588	471,970	509,259	**351,540**	-4.1	***-31.0***	44.9
Motor Vehicle Tax		12,880,315	9,501,371	12,587,477	12,952,929	13,507,619	**11,675,954**	17.0	***-13.6***	34.1
Royalties, Rentals, and Bonuses		43,779,111	44,562,673	44,915,379	35,468,188	38,066,524	**37,598,797**	-20.3	***-1.3***	na
Total ($000)		357,106	279,776	278,546	350,106	535,963	**338,250**	10.9	***-36.9***	30.5

Economic Indicators: Louisiana State — Per Cent Change

								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
■ Construction		Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	**Jun 85**			
Value of Cons Contracts ($ Mil)		309.7	258.2	335.9	317.5	347.4	**292.9**	-15.3	***-15.7***	-0.1
Residential		125.4	91.0	134.2	149.9	137.7	**89.6**	-43.1	***-35.0***	-22.3
Non-Residential		110.7	88.5	129.4	113.9	147.3	**92.6**	-13.9	***-37.2***	17.2
Non-Building		73.6	78.7	72.3	53.7	62.4	**110.7**	37.1	***77.4***	23.0
Number Of Construction Contracts		2,254	1,625	2,656	2,899	2,759	**1,599**	-40.8	***-42.1***	-31.4
■ Number of Permits		Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	**Jun 85**			
Residential Building		2,333	2,132	1,539	1,456	1,703				
One Family Houses		745	794	1,090	986	1,079				
Two Family Buildings		64	10	50	70	56				
Multi-Family Buildings		1,524	1,328	399	400	568				
Commercial & Industrial		982	761	1,335	1,176	1,470				
Hotels & Motels		205	0	227	0	109				
Churches		15	5	5	11	6				
Industrial Buildings		16	8	22	21	18				
Hospitals		3	2	4	8	2				
Offices, Banks, & Profession		49	64	65	93	62				
Retail Stores		75	76	70	96	77				
Additions & Alterations		428	423	616	548	786				
Other Buildings		191	183	326	399	410				
■ Value of Permits		Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	**Jun 85**			
Residential Building		81,748,145	48,542,446	65,646,291	68,678,259	69,437,761				
One Family Houses		42,744,583	42,159,278	53,486,841	52,388,839	56,111,294				
Two Family Buildings		1,310,631	187,056	3,220,162	1,625,171	1,377,648				
Multi-Family Buildings		37,692,931	6,196,112	8,939,288	14,664,249	11,948,819				
Commercial & Industrial		101,950,415	108,985,825	84,161,361	108,451,991	126,656,557				
Hotels & Motels		13,127,120	0	3,684,454	169,000	1,225,000				
Churches		5,098,853	878,880	1,254,547	1,614,406	321,632				
Industrial Buildings		3,693,546	2,797,067	3,933,722	4,427,159	4,181,479				
Hospitals		4,393,304	273,900	4,053,200	4,212,800	3,457,172				
Offices, Banks, & Profession		12,820,457	52,645,960	20,416,322	43,860,332	50,816,876				
Retail Stores		23,032,978	25,073,313	14,850,917	18,066,012	17,674,182				
Additions & Alterations		25,124,340	21,642,434	20,491,442	24,014,456	31,378,684				
Other Buildings		14,659,817	5,674,271	15,476,757	12,087,826	17,601,532				
■ FHLB Construction Loans ($Mil)		Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	**Jun 85**			
Construction										
Condominium	$	5.7	0.9	0.3	0.6	0.9	**2.9**	-54.0	***222.2***	-62.2
1-to-4 Unit	$	16.8	10.5	19.0	21.1	15.6	**16.9**	-36.0	***8.3***	-6.2
5 or More	$	2.6	0.5	2.8	0.8	2.8	**4.1**	-68.8	***46.4***	-49.5
Non-Residential	$	14.9	6.9	15.6	30.9	12.4	**10.0**	-64.2	***-19.4***	-42.6
Purchases										
Single (New)	$	11.5	14.7	14.6	13.9	14.3	**15.0**	-57.8	***4.8***	-6.8
Family (Other)	$	20.8	21.3	28.1	36.1	43.0	**46.3**	-23.0	***7.6***	-3.5
2-to-4 Unit	$	3.8	4.5	7.3	5.2	6.3	**6.9**	-44.8	***9.5***	-3.4
5 or More	$	7.1	0.9	6.5	3.6	2.1	**4.4**	-20.0	***109.5***	-10.7
Non-Residential	$	14.8	19.5	12.3	9.5	30.6	**33.0**	31.4	***7.8***	25.9
Other										
Land Loans	$	20.0	21.6	24.9	8.4	13.1	**15.7**	84.7	***19.8***	64.8
Refinancing	$	27.0	24.8	35.0	27.3	31.2	**25.3**	-27.1	***-19.0***	-7.2
All Other	$	17.7	12.4	22.5	21.2	22.3	**25.2**	-3.1	***13.0***	32.5
Total Loans Closed	$	162.6	138.6	188.9	178.5	194.6	**205.7**	-27.0	***5.7***	-20.9
Loans in Process	$	316.2	302.0	290.8	278.4	259.6	**237.1**	-46.1	***-8.7***	-7.3
■ General Business Activity		Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	**Jun 85**			
Corporation Filings										
Domestic Charters		1,139	885	1,266	1,080	1,133	**960**	-17.3	***-15.3***	4.6
Amendments To Domestic Charters		147	107	171	74	93	**117**	20.6	***25.8***	na
Notices of Dissolution		78	49	75	53	83	**77**	-34.8	***-7.3***	na
Dissolutions		236	182	328	376	289	**225**	-11.1	***-22.2***	231.3
Mergers or Consolidations		123	105	111	108	122	**220**	511.1	***80.3***	126.9
Foreign Qualifications		94	140	141	160	187	**134**	25.2	***-28.4***	na
Amendments to Foreign Charters		19	24	36	42	21	**25**	-37.5	***19.0***	62.0
Withdrawals		41	44	57	43	32	**35**	150.0	***9.3***	144.5
Telephone Lines (000)		1,730.4	1,727.1	1,732.0	1,727.1	1,740.9	**1,756.7**	1.9	***0.9***	na
Foreign Coal Exports (000 Tons)		571.4	351.7	580.4	457.9	425.3	**657.4**	19.0	***54.5***	21.7
Foreign Coal Imports (000 Tons)		496.0	363.8	611.2	701.0	852.2	**683.0**	49.9	***-19.9***	24.7
■ Fuel Consumption (000 Gals)		Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	**Jun 85**			
Gasoline		165,439	169,542	169,496	178,212	174,526	**178,470**	-18.7	***2.2***	-7.4
Gasohol		6,492	2,067	5,681	5,874	3,690	**7,179**	na	***94.5***	na
Highway Diesel		27,625	21,924	31,981	30,186	21,766	**31,639**	-23.8	***45.3***	-8.3
Highway LPG		436	461	338	545	565	**1,324**	313.2	***134.3***	6.2
Total Fuel Consumption		199,994	193,995	207,497	214,818	200,548	**218,614**	-16.4	***9.0***	-5.3

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							Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
							Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	
■ Crude Petroleum Production	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**			
Crude Runs To Stills (Daily Avg.)									
CITGO Petroleum	201,536	133,145	134,644	165,298	210,758	**217,034**	-23.7	***2.9***	-22.6
CONOCO Inc.	103,115	117,228	129,113	120,652	129,549	**130,479**	-2.9	***0.7***	8.8
EXXON Company	413,628	417,192	435,599	452,213	435,018	**398,783**	-8.8	***-8.4***	2.0
Gulf Oil Company	131,518	180,038	182,903	186,297	197,172	**198,285**	4.9	***0.5***	8.1
Marathon Oil	166,041	165,547	165,033	164,724	164,871	**173,253**	-8.6	***5.0***	-6.3
Murphy Oil Company	56,806	46,447	52,051	45,139	45,485	**50,113**	-15.0	***10.1***	-15.3
Shell Oil Company	191,746	165,739	175,691	186,612	122,508	**166,445**	-16.0	***35.8***	-3.9
Tenneco Oil Company	135,014	71,609	101,020	97,119	105,772	**108,897**	18.4	***2.9***	17.1
Texaco Inc.	136,959	89,574	169,477	173,840	181,714	**174,532**	36.9	***-4.0***	2.8
Others	90,189	99,468	95,930	114,993	138,011	**162,804**	24.5	***17.9***	-5.5
Total	1,626,552	1,485,987	1,641,461	1,706,887	1,730,858	**1,780,625**	-3.3	***2.8***	-2.6
■ LOOP, Inc. Activity (Bbls)	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	**Jun 85**			
Alaska	2,750,675	2,296,406	3,629,906	2,588,563	1,649,094	**3,572,988**	225.0	***116.6***	147.8
Mexico	3,191,561	3,013,535	5,341,841	4,544,745	7,614,412	**4,646,212**	-25.1	***-39.0***	0.2
United Kingdom	0	0	0	0	0	**502,250**	0.0	***0.0***	-56.4
Iraq	0	0	0	0	0	**1,112,359**	0.0	***0.0***	83.8
Iran	0	0	0	0	4,158,420	**0**	0.0	***-100.0***	-8.2
Saudi Arabia	1,178,288	0	0	2,889,324	0	**0**	-100.0	***0.0***	-36.4
United Arab Emerits	0	0	0	0	313,427	**299,847**	0.0	***-4.4***	9.3
Nigeria	1,048,823	0	0	897,704	2,874,974	**1,263,838**	-29.8	***-56.1***	-57.6
Gabon	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	148.3
Congo	0	0	0	0	0	**995,825**	102.8	***0.0***	-51.0
Algeria	0	0	1,113,539	1,376,627	632,639	**0**	0.0	***-100.0***	na
Other	0	0	0	0	510,840	**0**	0.0	***-100.0***	-53.1
Total	8,169,347	5,309,941	10,085,286	12,296,963	17,753,806	**12,393,319**	7.6	***-30.2***	-8.0
■ Drilling Rigs	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**			
Permits Issued	603	482	303	488	397	**354**	-34.0	***-10.9***	18.6
Wildcats Issued	46	44	35	37	56	**na**	na	***na***	na
Offshore Rigs	15	16	10	9	8	**na**	na	***na***	na
Active Rigs	273	307	254	242	220	**na**	na	***na***	na
■ Gas Activity Report • MCF	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**			
Field intake	57,592,158	55,993,448	51,045,073	56,705,7[illegible]	52,664,824	**53,202,811**	-16.9	***1.0***	na
Pipeline & Other Intake	57,647,198	61,197,047	55,191,466	55,636,349	51,869,718	**55,603,738**	-12.5	***7.1***	na
Sales to Pipelines	93,345,554	95,339,583	87,025,673	91,764,527	84,671,509	**88,265,973**	-15.8	***4.2***	na
Sales to City Gates & Industrials	5,956,584	6,037,562	4,433,952	4,465,379	4,798,468	**4,892,508**	-9.4	***1.9***	na
Return to Field	2,481,246	2,591,266	2,355,067	2,677,441	2,482,351	**2,272,099**	-9.1	***-8.5***	na
Returned for Gas Lift	2,784,215	2,707,980	2,690,407	2,917,923	2,692,661	**2,832,108**	-8.9	***5.1***	na
Returned to Reservoir	1,670,459	1,888,657	1,668,275	1,796,987	1,825,771	**1,907,324**	9.1	***4.4***	na
Vented	165,483	184,989	151,772	166,058	174,796	**277,294**	-9.0	***58.6***	na
Plant Fuel	3,601,861	3,489,210	3,189,230	3,366,985	3,188,575	**3,387,446**	-17.3	***6.2***	na
Shrinkage and Other	5,233,954	4,951,248	4,722,163	5,186,787	4,700,411	**4,971,797**	-9.6	***5.7***	na
■ State Employee's Retirement	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	**Jun 85**			
Retirement Benefits Disbursed									
Regular	$ 11,650,452	11,852,408	11,793,816	11,940,882	11,847,506	**11,850,071**	25.0	***0.0***	25.4
Disability	$ 790,964	794,953	796,264	805,717	815,892	**817,957**	14.3	***0.2***	15.3
Survivors	$ 1,434,881	1,455,269	1,433,897	1,500,447	1,500,227	**1,510,525**	15.0	***0.6***	13.2
Total Benefits Disbursed	$ 13,876,297	14,102,630	14,023,978	14,247,046	14,163,626	**14,178,552**	23.2	***0.1***	23.4
Average Check Amount									
Regular	$ 758.99	770.54	767.28	777.65	770.82	**770.09**	11.9	***-0.1***	14.0
Disability	$ 502.20	501.86	500.80	504.84	507.71	**507.10**	7.9	***-0.2***	8.6
Survivors	$ 507.20	510.80	499.79	520.09	517.50	**517.30**	8.6	***-0.1***	7.0

New Truck Sales	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	**Jul 85**	Same Month Prior Year	**Prior Month**	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Chevrolet	2,006	1,586	1,803	1,561	1,376	1,912	1,289	1,763	1,817	2,156	2,233	**2,121**	18.3	***-5.1***	-4.1
Datsun	225	178	300	276	298	566	453	369	452	357	394	**321**	7.3	***-18.6***	24.3
Dodge	703	576	750	651	631	875	811	1,007	1,006	891	864	**801**	6.8	***-7.3***	24.2
Ford	2,229	1,855	2,261	1,969	1,679	2,233	1,690	2,163	2,177	2,154	2,399	**2,112**	-0.8	***-12.0***	-5.5
GMC	590	437	641	508	399	547	388	514	535	649	696	**649**	30.0	***-6.8***	4.3
International	na	na	na	na	na	35	26	66	na	63	49	**45**	na	***-8.2***	na
Mazda	186	178	198	108	116	183	151	152	140	126	147	**164**	13.8	***11.5***	-1.5
Peterbilt	na	na	na	na	na	4	3	21	na	2	7	**2**	na	***-71.5***	na
Toyota	781	793	678	481	481	823	648	674	592	720	700	**604**	4.8	***-13.8***	20.5
Other	509	445	474	388	431	472	380	464	671	584	506	**428**	-2.6	***-15.5***	18.5
Total Truck Sales	7,229	6,048	7,105	5,942	5,411	7,650	5,839	7,193	7,390	7,702	7,995	**7,247**	9.3	***-9.4***	3.9

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■ Beer Sales Information		Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	**Apr 85**	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: **Prior Month**	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Number of Cases Sold		3,668,933	3,794,900	2,942,859	3,332,654	3,252,061	**4,341,815**	6.2	***33.5***	-1.1
State Excise Tax Revenue	$	403,581	417,440	323,722	366,590	357,724	**477,599**	6.2	***33.5***	-1.1

New Car Sales	Aug 84	Sep 84	Oct 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	**Jul 85**	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: **Prior Month**	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Audi	na	na	na	na	na	96	56	75	na	91	92	**83**	na	***-9.8***	na
BMW	na	na	na	na	na	67	54	80	na	67	72	**52**	na	***-27.8***	na
Buick	1,459	948	1,013	929	875	1,089	785	1,034	983	1,088	1,022	**958**	-17.9	***-6.3***	-13.8
Cadillac	457	331	379	350	305	408	294	339	357	423	402	**380**	1.6	***-5.5***	-14.5
Chevrolet	2,042	1,743	1,848	1,381	1,320	1,957	1,452	1,905	2,222	1,924	1,767	**1,755**	-2.2	***-0.7***	-3.1
Chrysler	426	363	444	523	349	490	438	571	581	623	674	**428**	19.8	***-36.5***	62.0
Datsun	967	562	417	677	687	876	599	735	722	803	1,027	**1,045**	20.5	***1.7***	6.1
Dodge	372	345	454	509	328	534	453	600	558	468	426	**394**	25.0	***-7.6***	26.1
Ford	1,886	1,440	2,130	1,828	1,416	1,986	1,453	1,899	1,954	1,922	1,873	**1,603**	-3.3	***-14.5***	-1.3
Honda	698	314	537	419	384	766	340	386	479	454	381	**382**	-11.6	***0.2***	12.1
Lincoln	315	305	397	397	282	396	248	317	270	281	240	**291**	-6.8	***21.2***	11.1
Mazda	207	226	214	190	129	185	175	200	201	196	209	**200**	0.5	***-4.4***	-7.9
Mercedes	na	na	na	na	na	126	88	86	na	103	95	**68**	na	***-28.5***	na
Mercury	802	715	758	648	664	736	559	715	711	644	621	**684**	-1.3	***10.1***	1.1
Oldsmobile	1,769	1,327	1,285	1,236	1,160	1,673	1,276	1,511	1,645	1,767	1,654	**1,581**	-5.3	***-4.5***	-22.5
Plymouth	209	197	273	307	233	373	339	427	406	284	236	**244**	22.0	***3.3***	28.7
Pontiac	1,174	836	1,114	838	748	1,018	702	1,033	1,252	1,231	1,111	**847**	-13.4	***-23.8***	-1.5
Porshe	na	na	na	na	na	36	29	28	na	26	27	**27**	na	***0.0***	na
Renault	257	90	108	83	74	49	53	93	86	63	69	**50**	-61.3	***-27.6***	-22.0
Subaru	na	na	na	na	na	97	88	111	na	108	110	**99**	na	***-10.0***	na
Toyota	1,068	744	801	714	661	936	703	768	549	780	1,085	**939**	11.7	***-13.5***	9.7
Volkswagen	93	108	88	60	78	113	94	111	125	146	168	**146**	36.4	***-13.1***	9.3
Volvo	121	75	81	74	113	128	87	129	136	136	123	**116**	-11.5	***-5.7***	-18.9
Other	445	472	499	392	412	164	102	134	.482	140	185	**160**	-64.1	***-13.6***	-40.3
Total Car Sales	14,767	11,141	12,840	11,555	10,218	14,299	10,467	13,287	13,719	13,768	13,669	**12,532**	-1.1	***-8.4***	-2.1

Table 3

Leading Indicators

	New Orleans			Baton Rouge			Shreveport		
Month	**1983**	**1984**	**1985**	**1983**	**1984**	**1985**	**1983**	**1984**	**1985**
Jan	100.4	**105.5**	97.5	96.0	**103.5**	98.3	98.4	**109.6**	103.0
Feb	100.9	**105.8**	97.5	96.9	**103.9**	98.4	100.3	**110.2**	101.6
Mar	101.3	**105.8**	97.6	97.6	**104.0**	98.6	102.2	**110.2**	100.4
Apr	101.7	**105.4**	97.8	98.2	**103.6**	98.9	104.1	**109.5**	99.5
May	102.4	**104.7**	98.1	98.7	**102.7**	99.2	105.7	**108.2**	98.5
Jun	103.8	**103.7**	98.5	99.1	**101.6**	99.6	106.9	**107.0**	98.5
Jul	103.8	**102.3**		99.6	**100.4**		107.6	**105.8**	
Aug	104.3	**100.9**		100.1	**99.5**		107.9	**105.2**	
Sep	104.5	**99.5**		100.7	**98.8**		107.8	**104.8**	
Oct	104.7	**98.4**		101.4	**98.4**		107.8	**104.7**	
Nov	104.8	**97.8**		102.1	**98.2**		108.0	**104.5**	
Dec	105.1	**97.5**		102.9	**98.2**		108.7	**104.0**	

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